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## Change to hours will boost 999 air cover

AN emergency service based in Welshpool has extended its operating hours providing extra cover for critically ill people across the region.

The Wales Air Ambulance is now able to respond to emergency call-outs until 9pm following a night flying trial.

It is part of a move for the three Welsh air ambulance crews to provide emergency cover over a 14-hour period daily.

All three helicopter crews will be in operation for 12 hours a day, staggered from 7am until 9pm.

Jason Williams, clinical and operations manager for the Wales Air Ambulance, said: "Extending our operating hours is one of our long-term goals, with the ultimate aim of being able to provide around-the-clock care."

"This latest development has been made possible thanks to our fantastic fundraisers and supporters, and now means that we are on standby for more patients when they need us."

Under a new shift pattern adopted at all three airbases, the air ambulance team based in Caernarfon will operate from 7am until 7pm. The Swansea helicopter crew will be ready to respond to 999 calls from 8am until 8pm, and the Welshpool team can be in the air from 9am until 9pm.

## Parishes to spend cash

DETAILS about how £1million of lottery money could help three villages near Oswestry will be unveiled next week.

The "3 Parishes" partnership, taking in Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn will hold a public meeting on Wednesday in Gobowen.

Those heading the group will outline ideas of how the lottery windfall can be invested and spent.

The lottery win for the three parishes was awarded more than three years ago. But as yet not a penny has been spent.



Pictured at the new Chirk Surgery is Anwylls director Tom Anwyll.

## Work starts on £2.4m health centre

WORK is well under way on a state-of-the-art £2.4 million medical centre for Chirk.

Award-winning builders Anwyll Construction plans to complete the project on the town's Colliery Road in March next year.

The new eco-friendly medical centre will replace the current premises in Castle Road and will feature a number of sophisticated "green" features, including photo-voltaic solar panels and an advanced drainage system.

The two-storey steel-framed building is the first purpose-built surgery to be built in North Wales for leading healthcare building specialists Matrix Medical and will include a minor operations facility and a pharmacy, as well as being the base for the Chirk Surgery.

They currently operate from Castle Road, Chirk, and carry out surgeries at St Martin's and Weston Rhyn.

Anwyll director Tom Anwyll said: "We're delighted to be working with

Matrix Medical on such a specialist building which will play a huge part in the life of the local community here in Chirk for many years to come.

"It is a major project with over 2,000 square metres of space and specialist provision for a pharmacy and other health services, as well as capacity for additional healthcare provision in the future."

"It is a prestigious project and a good example of how private finance can provide public services."

## Firm wins five-year council contract

A WELSHPOOL firm has won a five-year contract with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council to operate and manage the household waste & recycling centres at Aberfan and Dowlais.

Potters Waste Management are part of the well established Potter Group of companies, which includes Potters Recycling.

The company already operates household waste recycling centres at Welshpool, Newtown and Machynlleth on behalf of Powys County Council along with commercial waste transfer stations at Brecon and Welshpool.

The new contract will see Potters handling an extra 5,000 tonnes of waste and recycling per year and eight people will be retaining their jobs at the new sites.

Potters Waste Management has added an additional vehicle to their fleet of lorries to help cope with the increased workload. The company has taken delivery of a MAN, six wheeled, 26 tonne skip lorry, increasing the fleet to 10 vehicles, to help cope with the work.

Debbie Potter, Operations Director of the Potter Group, said: "We are delighted to have won the contract with Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council to help them achieve their recycling targets."

## Police spot car raiders

BURGLARS were stopped in their tracks in Oswestry after being disturbed by a late night police patrol.

The thieves, who broke into a house in Jemmett Close at around 11.15pm on Monday, were trying to steal a car parked outside.

They had taken keys from the kitchen and had been about to drive off in the Renault Megane but fled after spotting officers on patrol. The car was found about 100m from the house with its engine still running.

Call police on 101.

# TOWN MUSIC VENUE THROWN A LIFELINE

OSWESTRY'S under-threat music venue looks set to be granted a six-month stay of execution after being nominated as an "asset of community value" and a planned auction has been cancelled.

The Ironworks in Church Street, was put forward by supporters for the designation as part of the Community Right to Bid programme after its owners were told by their bank that they must sell.

Right to Bid gives people the opportunity to nominate land or property which they feel forms parts of their community and that they may wish to purchase.

And on Monday Oswestry Town Council agreed to support the nomination but will be making no financial contribution.

Ironworks owner Steve Gore said if the application is successful then it could protect the venue from being sold for the next six months, giving him the chance to raise enough funds to save the town's nightspot.

### Restriction

"This really came out of our initial discussions with our staff," Mr Gore said. "A body was formed of 21 people and a submission was made."

"Shropshire Council can then put a restriction on the sale of the property. What then happens is that over six months there is time for the body to raise the funds to buy the Ironworks out of the bank."

by Pam Griffin

"We like to think that this will happen and that the council will be ensuring it's regarded as an asset."

"Our expectation is that the bank will then accept this as well and that will give us six months."

Shropshire Council is expected to rule on the submission soon afterwards.

Mr Gore said in the meantime the fundraising campaign launched at the start of August would continue.

The venue needs to raise about £140,000 to pay off its debts to the bank.

The campaign has so far raised more than £10,000 and attracted the support of award-winning comedian Patrick Monahan and Oswestry comedian Paul Dabek.

For details on the campaign see [www.the-ironworks.co.uk](http://www.the-ironworks.co.uk)

## Market celebrates milestone



Teresa Jones is presented with a long service award by the Mayor of Oswestry, with mayoress Val Schofield, mayor of Oswestry Councillor Chris Schofield, Teresa Jones and Cynthia Hawksley, Chairman of the Markets and car parks. Picture: Ian Sheppard.

CELEBRATIONS were held yesterday to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of Oswestry's renovated market hall.

Although a market has existed in the town for more than 800 years, the current Powis Hall Indoor Market on the Bailey Head opened its doors for business in 1963.

That year it was the 5th Earl of Powis who had the honour of declaring the building open and yesterday the current Earl joined the celebrations.

Among those celebrating was stallholder Teresa Jones who received a long service award for running her sugarcake and cake decorating stall at the market for 33 years.

Oswestry Mayor Chris Schofield said: "Teresa is a shining example to all the other traders and is an example of why the market is so special."

"The town council has spent a lot of money on the market and I see it as a great opportunity for people to start new businesses at minimal cost."

Mrs Jones said she was delighted to receive the long service medal.

She said: "It is a really nice touch from the council."

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# Pals fulfill cancer victim's wish to help charity fund

THE friends of a man from Gobowen, who lost his battle with cancer this year, will later this month hold the walk he started to organise before his death.

The border, "Three Peaks Walk", in memory of Phil Hughes, will be held on September 22 to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Mr Hughes died in February aged 55.

It has been organised by the Border Out-

door Dabblers walking group, of which Mr Hughes was a keen member.

Spokesman Malcolm Andrews said the walk would be around the Breidden Hills, taking in Middletown Hill and Moel y Gofa and finishing at Rodney's Pillar.

Mr Andrews said: "Our friend Phil Hughes, from Gobowen, planned the walk last year to give something back to Macmillan for the support given to him during his

treatment for cancer. Unfortunately he died earlier this year from his illness, so we have decided to put on the walk for him.

"His idea sprung from the fact that a lot of local people had never been up to local landmark of Rodney's Pillar and he thought it would be a good day's walk to take in the other hills to include the Gypsy Monument on Moel y Gofa as well.

"He had planned to invite all his friends

from work and play, including Preeshenlle Church, Cor Meibion Dyffryn Ceiriog, Gobowen Scouts, Fullwoods, and anyone else that knew him."

The day will include two options, a full, Three Peaks Walk of seven and a half miles and a shorter walk to Rodney's Pillar of four miles.

For full details, contact Malcolm Andrew 07977 561980 [malcandrew@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malcandrew@yahoo.co.uk)

# Legacy of the Olympics to continue with town event

THE legacy of the Olympics will carry on in Oswestry in the form of a community games event organised by sporting enthusiasts.

Cae Glas Park in Oswestry will play host to the event on September 21 and 22 and sports including tennis, gymnastics, martial arts and disability cricket will be taking place throughout the weekend.

The Community Games event was the ideas of Clive Knight from Oswestry Team Tennis, who said he has had a lot of support for the plan.

He said: "While this year's event is definitely a learning curve, the idea is that this will become an annual event which will attract local sports clubs and organisations to demonstrate and put on "have a go" sessions and encourage people of all ages to become more active. It's a good opportunity for local sports to showcase themselves outside their normal venue."

Mr Knight said he was inspired to organise the event after seeing the success of similar Community Games events in other locations around the county, including at Walford & North Shropshire College in Oswestry earlier this year.

"I strongly felt there

**by Pam Griffin**

should be a Community Games for Oswestry clubs and people in a central location," he said.

"I already have some sports on board including disability cricket, gymnastics, martial arts and tennis, but I need more. Olympic torches will be present, and I am targeting local Olympic and Paralympics 2012 games makers, sport makers and a key sporting personality."

Medals will be presented to people competing in certain events, and there will be a closing ceremony at 4pm on the Sunday.

Mr Knight said he was grateful to Oswestry Town Council for its support of the event and for allowing the event to use Cae Glas Park and its facilities for free.

## Race night running for hospices

A RACE night will be held in aid of Hope House Children's Hospices on October 5 at Oswestry Cricket Club. Doors will open at 7.30pm with the first race at 8pm.

## Park owners' £13,000 boost for charity



From left, Jan Williams, from the caravan park, Katrina Morphet, from the Oswestry Bone Centre Cancer Appeal, and Lynne Hughes, from the Wales Air Ambulance, front, Doug Williams, from the caravan park and Severn Hospice Community Fundraiser, Mike Perry. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

THE owners of a caravan park have donated almost £13,000 to charity after a fundraising event prompted by their daughter's wedding.

Doug and Jan Williams organised the event at Bryn Yrnywy Caravan Park, Llansantffraid, the day after their daughter's wedding, in a marquee erected for the occasion.

They have now presented £12,865 to Wales Air Ambulance, Severn Hospice and Oswestry Orthopaedic hospital bone cancer unit.

"We linked the fundraiser with the wedding because we knew we were having a marquee. It made the most of an opportunity," Mrs Williams said. "We had an auction and raffle, and people donated items for that. The planning took about six or seven months."

Mrs Williams said they chose the charities because they each had a personal connection for her family. "My eldest daughter had a bad car accident seven years ago and the air ambulance had to come out to her," she explained.

"With the Severn Hospice we've had family friends use the hospice, and I went to the bone cancer unit last year. We wanted to do all our fundraising for worthy charities."

Mrs Williams said the event, which was held at the end of June, was the second large fundraiser they have organised - the first being when her other daughter got married.

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## NEWS

## Average pay for workers is lower

AVERAGE pay in Powys has fallen by 11.3 per cent in the last five years according to a Wales TUC study.

The survey reveals that full time workers in Powys are £49.19 a week worse off while the average across Wales is down by £32 a week and £30.30 across the UK.

The TUC study said Flintshire had suffered the biggest wage cut in Wales since the financial crisis started in 2007 – a drop of £57 a week on average.

The report also found that across Wales men's wages had fallen in real terms more than women's.

The Wales TUC's conclusions come from taking wages for a 40-hour week in 2007, adjusting them for how much prices have risen, to discover what level wages would need to be now for workers to have the same standards of living as five years ago.

Wales TUC general secretary Martin Mansfield warned that families were struggling and were often forced to go into debt as household incomes were squeezed.

"Workers' real hourly pay rates have taken a hit over the past five years because wages have failed to keep up with inflation," he said.

"But this fall is also a result of the worrying increase in insecure and short-hours employment."

He said the TUC was launching a Britain Needs a Pay Rise campaign to urge employers to pay workers a living wage – a pay packet that enabled a basic standard of living.

## Joy as national paper puts girls school top for A-levels

STAFF and pupils at an independent girls school in Oswestry have plenty of reason to celebrate after marking the institution's centenary by being named the best in the land.

Moreton Hall School in Weston Rhyn, near Oswestry, opened its doors for the first time in 1913 when Ellen Lloyd-Williams began a school for two day girls and 11 boarders, mostly from her extended family.

The school has since grown to cater for about 500 pupils. And it was recently ranked as the country's top, non selective independent school for A\* results by *The Times*.

by Sue Austin

## Couple to sell off furniture in mansion move

LIKE most people who choose to downsize to a smaller home, Neville and Jenny Thomas realised they wouldn't be able to take all of their furniture with them.

But while most people from, say, a four-bedroom family house to a bungalow once the children leave, Mr and Mrs Thomas have a rather bigger task on their hands.

The couple own Glansevern Hall, a stately home at Garthmyl near Welshpool, which has five bedrooms and four reception rooms, plus guest quarters with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, a one-bedroom flat and a two-bedroom staff cottage.

They will be holding an attic sale at the hall, a late Georgian neo-classic home they have lived in for the past 30 years, on Saturday and Sunday.

Items up for sale range from curtain poles and pictures to mini four-posters and a huge brass bed.

Mr Thomas said: "This is an attic sale of items which cannot be accommodated in our new house, plus bits and pieces of all kinds accumulated over the years and which came to light as we have cleared up in preparation for leaving."

"It also includes brand new goods left over after closure of Glansevern's Garden Shop and also Glansevern Interiors a few years ago."

The couple are pricing all the items up with the treasures being offered on a first come first serve basis, with the sale running from 10am until 4pm each day.

For more information call (01686) 640200.

Principal Jonathan Forster said the accolade was a fitting way to celebrate the school's centenary.

He said: "The school had 30 per cent of its grades at A\* and 62 per cent at A or A\*." *The Times* has ranked us as the country's top non-selective independent school for A\*s – a fantastic way for us to start our centenary year."

The celebrations also see the completion of the school's new Centenary Science Centre, which will house what is thought will be the country's first medical science faculty to be created within a school.

An official launch of the centenary will take place October 5 with a commemorative service at St Oswald's Church in Oswestry followed by lunch at Moreton Hall.

## Missed

"We see the year as an opportunity to bring the whole Moreton community together and the launch event is the perfect chance for everyone who has had any relationship with the school to come and join us to celebrate," Mr Forster said.

"If we have missed anyone off our invitation list we ask them to get in touch."

There will also be a Moreton Hall art exhibition entitled 'Woman' at The Fine Art Society in New Bond Street, London, and a business lunch in January with guest speaker Zanny Minton Beddoes – the Economist Magazine's Global Economics Editor and Old Moretonian.

In May the school will host a centenary circus ball with a grand reunion taking place in June.

Mr Forster said: "The year will be rounded off with a celebratory pageant created by author and journalist, Matthew Dennison who has also created the book: *A Centenary Portrait of Moreton Hall*."

"To hit our 100 year anniversary with the school at an all-time high academically is perfect. Many people have contributed to the school's history. We hope that many of them will be able to join us."

The Moreton Hall Senior School open day will be on September 21 at 10am with the principal's address at 10.30am.

## Defibrillator training for staff



Taking part in defibrillator use training with Terry Foster of West Midland Ambulance Service are from left, Iain St John, Sheila Lewis, David Lee-Birch and Sue Austin.

STAFF at the Oswestry Chronicle office have been trained to use a heart defibrillator as part of our "Keeping Oswestry Alive" campaign.

The fundraising effort aims to set up a network of lifesaving defibrillators in areas across the town.

The scheme has been launched in conjunction with the British Heart Foundation and West Midlands Ambulance Service and the equipment will provide rapid treatment for those suffering cardiac arrests.

Midland News Association, owners of the two newspapers, has financed the provision of a public defibrillator to be situated at its Salop Road offices. Editor



and advertising staff from our Oswestry office were trained how to use the defibrillators by Terry Foster, acting community response officer, of West Midland Ambulance Service.

"We are delighted to be partners in this scheme to provide defibrillators for the town," said Mr Foster.

"Bystander CPR is incredibly important because having people on hand who know what to do is crucial."

"Specialist training in basic life support skills can and really does save lives."

Chronicle associate editor Graham Breeze said: "With greater demands on the ambulance service and first responders it is really important to provide as much support as possible."

• Donations can be made at The Principality Building Society in Legg Street, Oswestry (acc 1446496-05) or at the Chronicle office, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry.

## NEWS in brief

## Bid to help young find work in area

A PROGRAMME has been launched to help reduce youth unemployment and to stop youngsters leaving Mid Wales to find work.

Powys County Council has set up a Youth Employment Programme which will offer youngsters the chance to experience work.

The programme was being discussed yesterday (Wednesday) by councillors at its Montgomeryshire committee.

The council said figures show an average of 725 people aged between 17 and 20 leave the county each year, while it gains 265 people aged 21 to 24 each year.

The committee was meeting to discuss the programme and see how it can be taken forward.

## Club's efforts for charity fundraiser

BORDERLAND Rotary Club is engaging with as many coffee shops, tea shops and hotels as possible in Oswestry to make the Macmillan World Coffee Morning on September 27 a town event.

Club spokesman Geoff Barre said: "So many people in the town have been touched by cancer and that includes the Borderland Rotary Club."

To get involved by hosting a coffee morning contact Mike Lade on (01691) 650854.

## Gardeners get ready for show

GARDENERS are in for a very busy time at Llany-nynech next week.

The village gardening club has its annual meeting on Tuesday at 7.30pm and members are also busy preparing for the annual horticultural and craft show on Saturday, September 21.

Both events are in the village hall.

The annual meeting is open to anyone interested.

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Sue Dewhirst at the mere at Ellesmere with Andy Main, Leon Jenkins and Suzanne Jenkins at the sponsored row in aid of CRY. Picture: Laura Duffield.

## Rowing tribute raises funds

A GROUP of fundraisers took to the water at an Ellesmere beauty spot in memory of a teenager who died last year.

The sponsored rowing event was organised by St Martins couple Sue and Chris Dewhirst.

The couple's 17-year-old son Matthew died last year from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome.

Despite her own fear of water Mrs Dewhirst was among the fundraisers who took to the boats on Saturday.

She said: "I'm scared of water but I wanted to pedalo for Cardiac Risk in the Young because it's in memory of Matt."

All the rowers asked for sponsorship as they aimed to raise £3,400. Money raised from the rowing event will go

towards the Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) charity which organises screening days to help pick up undiagnosed heart conditions. During the day there was also a raffle, and participants were given cake and a drink from the Boat-house next to the mere, which is run by a former college friend of Matthew's.

The couple have raised thousand of pounds through their CRY for Matthew fund to pay for four screening days next year but say they are desperately keen for more funding support.

Mrs Dewhirst said: "Screening days are a key to picking up undiagnosed heart conditions in young people."

"The screening days are open to everybody and people are invited to go along and an expert cardiologist looks for any problems."

# Teenager's bus prank ended in £2,000 damage to shelter

A BUS rolled across a road in Shrewsbury crashing into a bus shelter after a teenager jumped onto it and pretended to be the driver.

Alwyn Llewellyn Jones, 18, of Llanfair Caereinion, near Welshpool, appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court and denied a charge of taking the bus, which was accepted by the prosecution.

He admitted criminal damage of £2,114 to the bus shelter belonging to Shropshire Council.

Judge Robin Onions ordered Jones to do

by Sue Austin

125 hours of unpaid work in the community, pay compensation of £2114 and pay £100 costs.

He heard that two other young men, who were with Jones at the time but who were not prosecuted, had offered to help pay any compensation.

"That is to be applauded as they have a moral responsibility if nothing else," the judge said.

He told Jones that if someone had been hit by the bus he could have been facing manslaughter charges.

Mr Kevin Jones, prosecuting, said the single decker bus had been parked in the overflow park at the Raven Meadows bus park overnight on April 11, after having mechanical problems.

Just after midnight a passer-by saw three young men running away from the bus.

"He then saw the bus was moving. It almost ran over one of the males, crossed the carriageway and crashed into the shelter," Mr Jones said. Police, having been alerted by CCTV cameras, were quickly on the scene and when Jones was questioned he said he had climbed on board the bus and had pretended to drive. But he told police he

had done nothing to start the bus up. Mr Stephen Scully, for Jones, said it had been a stupid alcohol-fuelled prank. But he said his client had in no way done anything deliberately that would have caused the bus to roll away.

"He may have released the brake in error while getting out in or out of the driver's seat," he said. "The two other men with him at the time have agreed to contribute to any compensation Jones may have to pay."

Judge Onions said he had received several references to say that Jones, who has no previous convictions, was a well respected young man.

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# Teenagers complete charity Mini marathon . . . at a push

ANYONE passing the Oswestry Showground this weekend might have caught sight of what seemed to be a group of teenagers pushing a cow around a field.

But despite appearances, the "cow" was actually a Mini – painted to look like a Friesian – which was taking centre stage in a charity event organised by Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers' Club.

The 12-hour sponsored Mini push saw the group travel about 43 miles and raise more than £2,000 for Hope House and Severn Hospice.

by Pam Griffin

## Action urged over crossing

OFFICIALS are being asked to take steps to improve safety at a crossing where a five-year-old girl was seriously injured.

Grace Rogers was knocked down as she was crossing the road in Trefonen, near Oswestry, in June.

But despite calls for improvements from residents and Grace's parents, Martin and Julie Rogers, campaigners say more needs to be done.

Oswestry town councillor Paul Milner, who lives in Trefonen, is now calling on the authority to take action over the safety of Oswestry Road/Treflach Road.

"Members of the public have complained over a long period about the perceived speed of traffic along this road," he said.

An online petition calling for the crossings to be made safer was launched after Grace's accident. She suffered cuts and bruises, a cracked cheekbone and a slight fracture between her eye socket and ear after being knocked down by a camper van.

About 40 members of the club took part in the event on Saturday, working in teams of five.

Members took it in turns to push and get behind the wheel to steer the car on the road around the main ring – a course of about 600m.

Although some people stayed for longer periods of time, most of the members dropped in for their stint and then went home again.

### Challenge

Group member Aled Ellis, 27, said all the members had enjoyed the challenge – even if they ended up with stiff backs the following day.

"It went really well," he said. "We started at 8am and they were pushing the car for 12 hours solid."

"We worked out we did almost 120 laps of the course, which worked out at about 43 miles, and we think we've raised about £2,000 for the charities."

"We had the car out at Oswestry Show and we've done a few events with it now."

"It doesn't have a name, but I think some of the members might have been calling it things afterwards."

"Some people were very stiff on Sunday morning."



Members of Whittington and Oswestry Young Farmers on their 12-hour Mini push around Oswestry Showground. Pictures Laura Duffield.



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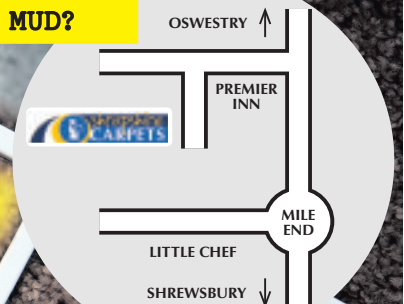
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**NEWS**

in brief

**Adventure for A-level students**

PHYSICS A-level students from Oswestry have taken a scientific adventure to CERN – the home of the Large Hadron Collider – in Switzerland.

The students from Walford and North Shropshire College spent four days in Geneva with their lecturer Colin Taylor and several other members of staff.

During the visit, the students had the chance to visit CERN, the world's biggest particle-physics laboratory, where they were treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of areas not generally open to the public.

And they were thrilled when they were able to see first-hand the workings of the LHC and meet some of the scientists who carry out experiments at the centre.

**Programme to stage choir date**

THE Trefonen Entertainments programme will be putting on a concert by Penybontfawr Male Voice Choir at the village hall on Saturday. The popular local choir will perform a variety of songs from Welsh lullabies to Zulu work songs.

Doors open at 7pm with the concert starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available with a licensed bar. Ticket prices are £7, available on the door or from Val on (01691) 657011.

# Helping hand for businesses to open their doors in town

**BUSINESSES have been given a helping hand to open their doors in Oswestry thanks to a new grant scheme.**

A record shop, a financial advice specialist and a building society have all been set up in Oswestry with help from the local joint economic board, which gives grants from a few hundred pounds to thousands of pounds.

The scheme is run with funding from Shropshire County Council, administered in partnership with the town council. One businesswoman was so impressed with the initiative that she has had a plaque made to mark the occasion.

by **Graham Breeze**

## Bank repairs go to council

REPAIRS to the historic Castle Bank in Oswestry were expected to take another step forward last night (Wednesday).

Oswestry Town Council was being asked to approve £3,000 of repair work to be carried out later this month.

Following snowfall and continuous wet conditions, part of the bank collapsed last year, and experts have warned that part of the upper wall is in danger of falling down.

Alison MacDonald, assistant inspector of ancient monuments (West Midlands) for English Heritage, visited the site to inspect the damage and recommend what could be done to save the monument, which dates back to 1085.

Glenys Davies, Oswestry Town Council facilities manager, said she obtained quotes which came to £3,057 following advice from Ms MacDonald.

She had applied for scheduled monument consent for the work to be done.

Kate Howell recently opened a branch of the Principality Building Society next door to her Woodhead Estate Agents transforming a former dry cleaning shop.

She said she had been delighted with the interest in her project from the councils.

"I heard that the councils wanted to see empty shops brought back to life so I contacted them. They could not have been more helpful or more encouraging."

"The money came through very quickly to allow us to open the Principality and provide a new service for the people of Oswestry."

"Now rather than travelling to Wrexham or Shrewsbury we are keeping Principality clients in Oswestry and helping the local economy. We have also been able to create two jobs."

She said the scheme in Oswestry had proved so successful it was now being rolled out by the Principality to other towns.

Oswestry Town Mayor, Chris Schofield, said the new office was proof that the retail grant scheme was working.

Councillor Martin Bennett, from the joint economic board, said: "People told us that they wanted to see empty shops brought back into use and they said the council should do something about it."

More information is available from Oswestry Town Council on (01691) 680222.



Mayor Chris Schofield former mayor Martin Bennett and Kate Howell from the Principality in Oswestry with the new plaque. Picture: Peter Shah.

## Cyclist on 50-mile ride to buy bike

A KEEN cyclist is planning to ride 50 miles to raise the funds to buy a specially adapted bike for students at a college in Oswestry.

Rod Evans, from St Martins, will be setting off on his ride on September 29 in aid of Derwen College's students' bike club.

The bike club would like to buy a Roam Twinbikes – a four wheeler with two riders side-by-side and a seat for a passenger in front. The specialist bike is manufactured in the Netherlands and costs about £3,000.

Rod is no stranger to riding for good causes, having raised funds for The Kenyan Schools project last year and the British Legion the year before.

"I chose the British Legion for my first charity bike ride because I'd been in the TA," Rod said.

"That's what triggered my interest and gave me the idea of helping other charities too."

He will set off on his journey at 9.30am from the college, in Gobowen, and take in 12 villages on his circular route back to the college.

Louise Keevil, Derwen College's transitions and partnerships manager, said: "This was a really generous offer from Rod and we were happy to accept. It seems apt that money raised should be used to buy equipment for the students' bike club."



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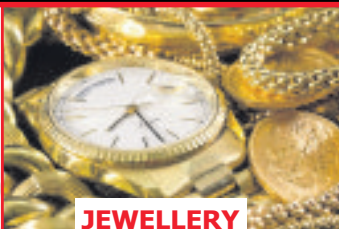


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# Little Jackson-J proves swim king

LITTLE Jackson-J Evans amazed organisers of a sponsored swim by completing four lengths of the pool – at just two years old.

He was the youngest participant in the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital League of Friends annual sponsored swim.

Having completed only a width beforehand, Jackson-J, from Oswestry set off, with his dad, Andy, and granddad, Steve, alongside him for encouragement.

And he kept going for four lengths of the 17 metre pool.

His feat was rewarded by raising £130 for the League of Friends' funds.

Helen Hughes from the League said: "The little boy is just two and a half and to have swum four lengths is a wonderful achievement."

She said Jackson-J's grandmother, Sandra Evans, works in the physiotherapy department at the hospital.

"Jackson-J was our youngest swimmer and we had several senior citizens who swam for us as well as people of all ages in between. We are very grateful to each one of them."

The pool was built with the help of funding from the League of Friends to replace the hospital's original swimming baths. The therapeutic swimming pool was opened in August 2005

following large amounts of fundraising by the League of Friends and staff.

The "Make A Splash" appeal was the League of Friends largest project ever at the hospital. It was started by a generous legacy of £403,000 from the late Samuel Hughes Pennill of Whitchurch.

"The pool cost over £1.5 million, with the League of Friends contributing more than £1.3 million to the building costs.

It is used all day, everyday by different groups of patients and also hosts a swimming club for people with disabilities.

# Minister's praise for new academy

by Sue Austin

A PRIMARY school in Oswestry was applauded as a model for Britain to follow by a government minister last Friday.

Woodside School celebrated becoming an academy school with events including planting a tree in the grounds.

It is the first primary school in the country to become an academy trust.

Environment minister Owen Paterson was one of those invited to the official celebrations after becoming the link between the school and education minister, Michael Gove.

"What Woodside is doing is absolutely brilliant," Mr Paterson said.

"It is a pioneer in education – not only in Shropshire but in the country and may be the first primary to become an academy school in England.

"I had a wonderful time at the academy celebrations. Woodside is a big school and now the Start Centre is part of the school it is even bigger. But the behaviour at the school is second to none.

## Outstanding

"The atmosphere in the school is tremendous and it is all down to the dedication and hard work of the staff, governors and the head. It really is a model for the rest of the country."

Chairman of governors Alan Cooper said the school had won academy status in May although had officially celebrated on Friday.

"We need to meet the same rigorous standards as other schools and we are regulated by Ofsted. At the last inspection, in November 2008, the school was rated as good with several outstanding features.

"The Start Centre is now a part of Woodside School. It is not maintained by the Department for Education and the school is not permitted to fund the centre from finance provided for the children in the main school. The centre must generate its own income from the fees it charges. The centre does, however, benefit from the educational support from the school's foundation stage teaching staff." Mr



MP Owen Paterson attended Woodside School in Oswestry for the celebration of the school's academy status. With Mr Paterson are Rob McDevitt, Alan Cooper and pupils, Lily Reade and Guy Welts. Picture: Laura Outfield.

# Famous organist to visit town for concert at church

ONE OF Britain's most famous organists will be visiting Oswestry next month to perform a concert.

Thomas Trotter, who has performed around the world and been honoured by the Royal Philharmonic Society and the New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will give a concert in Oswestry on October 12.

Mr Trotter was appointed Birmingham City Organist in 1983 and artistic advisor and resident organist at Birmingham's Symphony Hall in 2001.

He is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey and visiting Professor of Organ at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester.

Alongside his weekly recitals in Birmingham, he has toured on four continents

and has played at many International Festivals such as Bath, Salzburg, Edinburgh and the Proms.

Concert organiser Jayne Middleton said: "Thomas Trotter is one of Britain's most widely admired musicians.

"He performs as soloist with, among many others, the conductors Sir Simon Rattle, Bernard Haitink, Riccardo Chailly and Sir Charles Mackerras.

"It is a huge achievement to bring someone of his calibre to Oswestry."

The concert will take place at Christ Church Oswestry, in Chapel Street, at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 to include refreshments and are available from Oswestry Guildhall on the Bailey Head or on the door.

# Welsh class for adults

WELSH classes for adults are being offered in Llanfair Caeinion during the autumn term and started this week.

Welsh from the Cradle started at Llanfair Primary School on Wednesday. The fee for the term will be £10.

Welsh for beginners 1 will be held at Caeinion High School from September 24 from 7pm until 9pm. Welsh for beginners 2 starts today (Thursday).

A course to help master a Welsh conversation started this week and will run on Wednesdays from 7pm until 9pm.

The fee for the term for these three Welsh classes is £38.

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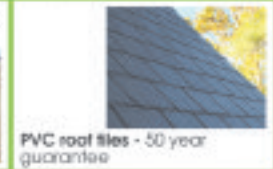
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**COMMENT****It's time prosecutors took more care with cases**

SOMEWHERE today a high powered executive of the Department of Public Prosecutions is sitting red-faced, having just cost the taxpayers a fortune.

A Crown Court jury has just found Coronation Street star Michael Le Vell not guilty of carrying out a series of assaults on a young girl in one of the most high profile cases for years.

Alison Levitt QC, the DPP's Principal Legal Advisor, is the woman who decided the case must go ahead.

Her decision to proceed with the case only came after Chief Crown Prosecutor, Nazir Afzal, had earlier decided there was insufficient evidence to charge Le Vell after the police investigation.

Following a formal complaint by the victim's mother against the CPS in February 2012 a review took place and Ms Levitt overruled Mr Afzal's decision. In court Le Vell's own barrister called him 'a drunk,

**BREEZE ABOUT TOWN**

with Graham Breeze



bad husband and an inadequate father', whose behaviour was sometimes 'terrible' but he did not deserve to have his life ruined in public in this way and surely Ms Levitt must now pay the price herself.

Guilty or not guilty Mr Le Vell has been given a life sentence. His reputation has been tarnished forever.

So why did this happen? High profile stars are easy targets but prosecutors must surely take more care before putting people through what Mr Le Vell has just

endured. Only time will tell whether he ever recovers but I doubt Alison Levitt will be called to account for her actions.

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THERE was great news this week for Oswestry nightlife with the town's under-threat music venue taken off the market.

The popular Ironworks has been running at a loss and the bank has called time. But thanks to a band of supporters, who have already raised more than £10,000 a reprieve is on the horizon.

The venue may be granted a six-month stay of execution after being nominated as an "asset of community value" and a planned auction has been cancelled.

The Ironworks in Church Street, was put forward by supporters for the designation as part of the Community Right to Bid programme after its owners were told by their bank that they must sell.

Right to Bid gives people the opportunity to nominate land or property which they feel forms parts of their community and that they may wish to purchase.

Now Oswestry Town Council is supporting the plan – so fingers crossed.

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WHAT really wound me up this week was overhearing people criticising former Welshpool councillor Alan Crowe for his efforts in commissioning the town's first mural.

The first of two murals depicting the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway is now complete in Church Street.

The murals are part of an overall scheme to create a Town Trail along the entire route that the train took through the town.

The mural is a superb addition to the town centre and I for one can't wait to see the next one painted.

**MP says why we have to halt spread of Bovine TB**

Environment Secretary and Shropshire MP OWEN PATERSON explains why he believes the badger cull is the only way forward



**BOVINE TB is the most pressing animal health problem in the UK.**

What was once a disease isolated to small pockets – in 1972 only 0.01 per cent of cattle tested as infected – has now spread extensively through the West of England and Wales.

The number of new cases is doubling every nine years and in the last decade we have slaughtered 305,000 cattle across Great Britain, 28,000 cattle were slaughtered in England in 2012 alone, at a cost to the taxpayer of nearly £100 million.

In the last 10 years bovine TB has cost us £500 million. It is estimated that this will rise to £1 billion over the next decade if the disease is left unchecked.

Bovine TB is not just a national problem. It's a local one. Last month I visited Mervin Mullard on his farm near Bishop's Castle.

**Destroying**

What I heard was heartbreaking. Since his herd first tested positive in 2007, Mervin has lost 133 out of 200 cattle. As a result of this massive loss and the knock-on financial effect he has decided to wind down his farm. It is yet another deeply depressing example of how bovine TB is destroying livelihoods.

Mervin told me that he runs a closed farm, only buying in a new bull every five or six years. In recent years, he has however seen a significant increase in badger numbers, with sick badgers spotted in his garden and nearby fields.

It's a sad fact that badgers are very effective at spreading TB and it only takes one diseased badger to put a whole herd of cattle under TB restrictions.

The evidence from the other countries I have visited, such as Australia, Ireland, New



Environment Secretary Owen Paterson talks to farmer Mervin Mullard, of Middle Knuck farm, about the bovine TB problem.

Zealand and the USA, overwhelmingly points to dramatic reductions in TB in cattle if the problem is addressed in both cattle and wildlife.

Over the past 15 years, we have been the only country with a serious cattle industry not to have born down on the disease in wildlife as well.

Recent figures from Ireland, where badgers are culled, show that TB infection levels have fallen by more than 45 per cent since 2000 and they are now slaughtering less than half the cattle they needed to 10 years ago.

On my visit there I was told that as a result of culling the average Irish badger is now one kilogram heavier. In stark contrast, many of our badgers continue to experience a slow, lingering death. As other countries



Protesters gathered as Mr Paterson opened the new Oswestry Health Centre.

make progress, the problem of bovine TB is getting worse in Britain. This is despite us having stringent measures in place restricting the movement of cattle and ensuring all infected cattle are slaughtered.

It is clear that if we are to tackle this deadly bacterium, we must use every tool at our disposal.

Badger control is one component of the much broader TB eradication strategy we published at the end of July. The strategy outlines how we plan to reach our long term goal of achieving official bovine TB-free status in England over 25 years.

It also sets out our determination to work with the industry to develop and deploy new technologies such as PCR, a test to help distinguish infected badger setts from healthy ones. Vaccination also has a part to play and

is something that we would all like to deploy more widely but unfortunately it's not there yet in terms of either development or practicality.

When I met the EU Commissioner in January, he confirmed that a legal and validated cattle vaccine is at least 10 years away.

Mervin's story is tragic not just because bovine TB has destroyed his herd and his livelihood but because such stories are becoming increasingly frequent. If the pilots in Gloucestershire and Somerset are successful, we will be seeking to roll out this approach in up to 10 further areas.

To stop Mervin's story being repeated we must use every means possible to stamp this disease out once and for all. I want to see healthy cattle living alongside healthy badgers.

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# Angry at plans to despoil hill fort

ANCIENT monuments are not two a penny, though in the Oswestry area they are being treated with little respect by land owners and local authorities.

English Heritage appears to be about to roll over and Shropshire and Oswestry councils are prepared to despoil the beautiful setting of Old Oswestry Hill Fort for housing and a car park.

The land owner will profit, and so will English Heritage and the councils when they build their car park and charge admission.

The losers are the hill fort itself – which will lose not only its archaeology, but some of its mystery and magic when it is twinned in plain sight with a modern car park – and once again the public, whose heritage is spoilt and marred.

They will see a hill fort in a degraded, less magical setting. To add insult to injury, they will, no doubt in future, be charged for access, when it is at present free.

The development proposals are obscene money-making ideas at the expense of our heritage. If the councils want a car park for the Hill fort, and to charge for parking, why don't they look to develop the present Morrisons site when Morrisons moves to the new Smithfield development?

Why are the councils and planners so short sighted, motivated by short-term gain for long-term losses? The planners seem blind to the very thing that makes the hill fort so special.

Looking down onto a car park and modern housing will keep us all rooted in the present, and the magic of Guinevere's fort will be lost.

**J MCCARTHY**  
Oswestry

# Warning on A&E closure

PULSE, the GPs' journal, conducted a ballot to determine if its readers supported charging patients for each visit. Fifty-one per cent voted for charging.

Closing down A&Es is a recipe for chaos, as most patients will head straight for hospital.

Just as GPs voted, could not unions ballot employees and the Chronicle readers send their views to MPs for onward transmission to Parliament?

**ALAN SPENCE**  
POWYS

# No need for PCSOs in our schools

I WRITE regarding the rather ridiculous intention of putting PCSOs in our schools and the questionable reasons given for what seems to be a desperate attempt to justify taxpayers' money being wasted on PCSOs. Is it a case of use them or lose them?

They should have been totally disbanded at the start of the nation's cuts programme and the money used to pay front line, fully trained police officers.

This idea to use them in London schools, where we are told the majority of PCSOs will be stationed, is possibly due to the many issues these schools have with pupils involved in knife culture, drugs, gangs, etc.

I find it hard to believe many schools in our market towns suffer from the same issues. The Marches School, in

Oswestry, is not on par with an inner city school and in a recent Ofsted report pupils in general felt 'safe' – so why the need?

The role of the PCSO in these inner city schools and at The Marches could be carried out by a uniformed security guard who should be employed and paid for by the school with the issues. The guard could be given the relevant training in order to carry out the role as required by that school. A security guard would also be considerably cheaper.

Pupils are safe in general within a UK school environment. We do not live in the USA, and USA-inspired initiatives are not required in the UK.

We do not need to waste taxpayers' money on putting people such as

PCSOs within our schools where basically they will inevitably end up engaging in idle chit-chat with staff and pupils and the occasional press photo opportunity.

Neither do we need to worry parents unduly that they could be sending their children to a place that needs a security guard or PCSO. They are not young offender institutes.

If there is a need for PCSOs, then they should be out in our community patrolling our streets seven days a week, 24 hours a day, in the trouble hotspots, not engaging in pointless initiatives, silly photo PR exercises etc. If they can't do that then they are indeed a total waste of taxpayers' money.

**ANDREW FINCH**  
Wattlesborough



THE absence of cars makes this view of Ifton Heath look a picture of rural tranquillity, but what we can't see is the hardship, and gruelling hard work of all those employed down the local mine. It is a postcard published by T.S. Humphreys of St Martins post office and is undated, although we'll guess at around 1908. Picture: Ray Farlow

# Why do motorists flout phone law?

IT is illegal to ride a motorcycle or drive while using a phone or similar device, these rules apply if you are stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

If you are caught, it will cost you £100 and three points on your licence. Your case could also go to court and you could be disqualified and fined a maximum of £1,000.

Drivers of buses and commercial vehicles are liable to a maximum fine of £2,500.

These are not lenient punishments – why then do so many drivers take the risk, not once a week but a dozen times a day? There's the risk of killing or seriously injuring someone for a phone call.

An American survey in 2009 reported 5,474 people killed on the road and classed as 'distracted driving fatalities'. Of those 5,474 fatalities, 995 were considered to be caused by drivers distracted by phones. The report concluded that texting while driving increased the distraction and, therefore, the risk tenfold.

We are all aware that pedestrians cannot walk straight while operating a mobile phone, why do drivers think that they can be safe at 70mph?

Is it beyond the wit of technology to design cars that will not allow a mobile phone signal to penetrate the body of the car leaving the only option to stop and get out to answer the call?

**BOB WYDELL**  
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# Hoping trade mission will help lift beef ban

I AM very pleased the Secretary of State for DEFRA, Mr Owen Paterson MP, is leading a delegation to Russia in order to promote British agricultural products.

During the course of this year I have been working with local beef farmers and experts, in particular Daniel Morris from Pulverbatch, to try to get the Russians to lift their ban on British beef imports which they imposed following the BSE crisis.

As readers may know, extensive discussions both in Russia and in Aitcham led to this agreement on exports which may be worth up to £140 million a year for the UK.

I wish Mr Paterson every success for this important trade mission and very much hope he highlights exports of Shropshire beef at the very top of his agenda.

**DANIEL KAWCZYNSKI MP, Shrewsbury**

# Shocked at fee for interview feedback

HIGH youth unemployment is a scourge of our age, and I believe it to be everyone's responsibility to do what they can to help reduce it and encourage young people not to give up hope.

Whether you are a parent, a teacher, an employer or just a member of the public, it is in everyone's interest that young people find employment.

I was recently shocked to hear the experience of one young man who desperately wants to join the police force, so much so that he voluntarily spends much of his spare time alongside community police officers while they are carrying out their duties.

Recently he had an interview to join the police, but failed to be accepted; in the letter telling him of the decision he was told that if he wanted to know why he had failed then he should send £45.

This young man has several part-time jobs to get experience and earn money to live on and can ill-afford to spend money to be told something any caring employer would do on request for free.

It is information that could be of great help to him when applying for any future job.

I very much hope that the police commissioner or the chief constable will urgently act to change this policy.

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**Calls to improve railway bridge**

WELSHPOOL Town Council is calling for improvements to the town's railway footbridge and has branded it a "nightmare."

Councillors have expressed their concern at the state of the bridge, which crosses the busy bypass and is also used by workers heading to the town's industrial zone following a resurfacing job which left Powys County Council demanding that the contractor returned to do it again.

But there is no timetable in place for the work to be redone, which has not pleased the town council.

"The railway bridge at Welshpool Station is a nightmare," said town clerk Robert Robinson.

"I have met with Powys and the contractor to see what is going on. The town council has written to PCC stating that in their view the bridge surface is dangerous.

"The county council has not sign up saying 'uneven surface' but this is not enough. The surface has worsened with the heat."

A spokesperson for Powys County Council said: "The resurfacing work has not been done to a satisfactory standard by the contractor, who is now working to provide an alternative solution that would meet the requirements of the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency."

# Free tours of castle gardens to celebrate walking festival

**FREE behind-the-scenes tours of the world famous gardens at Powis Castle in Welshpool will be held to celebrate this year's Great British Walking Festival, National Trust bosses have announced.**

Visitors can join staff for a leisurely stroll in the terraced garden and see parts of the estate which are usually closed to the public.

Tours are free and will be taking place every Wednesday throughout September and October. Beginning at 10.30am, visitors will be treated to an exclusive tour led by the castle's head gardener David Swanton.

**by Graham Breeze**

## A look at life in medieval times

VISITORS to a medieval hall were offered the opportunity to find out what life was like in medieval times.

A group of historic re-enactors at the 15th century Ty Mawr, near Welshpool, invited visitors to their campsite for an archery-themed weekend, with the chance to pick up a longbow and test their skills.

The best participants were invited to take part in a grand challenge and face the best re-enactor of the day in a final shoot-out.

But there was also plenty going on to keep non-archers entertained, with re-enactors demonstrating traditional skills in their camp-site, telling stories of famous battles and inviting visitors to see how they lived on guided tours of the historic hall.

The event was hosted by History Matters as part of an open weekend.

Gary Ball, volunteer project officer for History Matters, said: "This was the fourth annual autumn archery competition and went very well. It is a unique event."

He said: "This is an exciting opportunity for visitors to see many of the areas of the estate usually closed to the public.

"The gardens are breath-taking at this time of year so it's certainly worth joining me as I reveal the garden's secrets and celebrate the Great British Walking Festival."

Highlights of the tour will include a look at the castle's cutting garden, as well as a tour of its energy neutral nursery.

After seeing the nursery, visitors will be able to purchase a souvenir while taking advantage of an exclusive offer of 10 per cent off all plants when they spend upwards of £10.

The tours are free, however booking is essential. For more information or to book a spot contact the property on (01938) 551929 (option 2) or e-mail [ruth.scutler@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ruth.scutler@nationaltrust.org.uk)

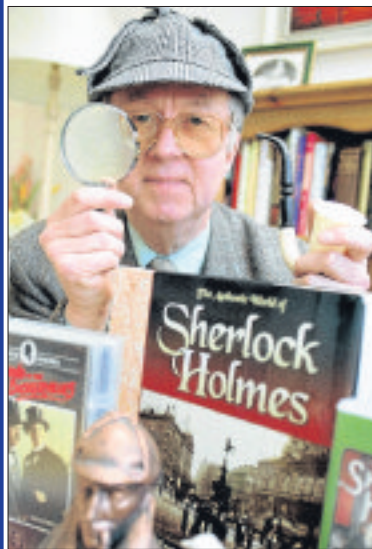
National Trust members will get in for free. Normal entrance prices apply to non-members but the tours are free.

Meanwhile, plans are continuing on an initiative which will see the 8th Earl of Powis give an exclusive tour of his ancestral home. Powis Castle and its gardens will be opened to the public next month during two special tours.

The tour will be held on September 23 from 10.30am.

The tour costs £16 per person and £10 to National Trust members.

## Holmes solves longest case



Mr Roy Upton-Holder, Sherlock Holmes fan.

IT'S taken over 100 years, but Sherlock Holmes has finally solved his longest case.

A group of local enthusiasts of the fictional super sleuth were this week turning over the first page of a Holmes novel that has been translated into Welsh, the 99th language that the work of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has been turned into.

The Deerstalkers of Welshpool (The Sherlock Holmes Society of Wales) launched an appeal earlier this year to raise money for the The Speckled Band to become Y Cylch Broth.

Now enough money has been raised for the book to be translated.

"The first editions each have a certificate of authenticity, so they should become quite valuable in time," said the group's Roy Upton-Holder, a Holmes fanatic.

"This is the first time that a Sherlock Holmes story has been published in Welsh, although they have been translated into 98 other languages, so we are extremely proud and would like to thank all those who have supported us."

Roy said that Holmesian Societies across the world have put in their orders and he expects the first 100 to be snapped up fast.

## Cyclists invited to race a train

THE third Welshpool Rotary Club Race The Train event takes place on Sunday.

Rotary Club spokesman Ewen Macleod said: "Welshpool is rapidly becoming the cycling capital of Mid Wales."

"The Tour of Britain has visited the town on two occasions. We have the annual canal triathlon, and now funding is being made available for cycle routes."

"Welshpool Rotary Club's Race The Train is another part of the cycling jigsaw, and next month will be the third time we have arranged the event. Money raised will go towards Rotary charities and good causes."

The race is open to anyone over the age of 14, and the aim is to beat the 11.15 Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway steam train to Llanfair Caereinion. The route will use mainly quiet roads, over a distance of approximately nine miles.

The event will be fully marshalled. Traffic will be stopped for the beginning of the race, the first stage of which is along the A458 Llanfair Road to Cwm Lane.

Entry is £6. Registration is at Raven Square station, Welshpool, from 10.15am to 11am. For details call Ewen Macleod on (01938) 556770 07778 903336 or e-mail [ewen.macleod@btinternet.com](mailto:ewen.macleod@btinternet.com); or [07767 267830](mailto:07767 267830) or e-mail [supercomputer@btinternet.com](mailto:supercomputer@btinternet.com)

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## WELSHPOOL

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# Council looks into plans for shared services site

## On track with new mural



by Andrew Morris

**A WORKING** group has been set up to investigate multi-million pound plans to combine council and emergency services on a shared site.

The sale of Powys County Council's run-down Neuadd Maldwyn base in Welshpool could raise £3 million which would go towards funding a new shared services base in the town for the council, police, ambulance and fire service.

The complex could be built in Howell Drive on the former swimming baths site and would also include flats, a library and a GP surgery. It would be a first for the county and for Wales.

Members of Welshpool Town Council have appointed Councillor Steve Kaye to a working group to assist the county council with discussions on the proposals.

Powys County Council first unveiled the idea last month but stressed the plans are at a "very early stage". The authority is based in the Grade II-listed Neuadd Maldwyn building in Severn Road, but says it needs £3 million worth of repairs if it stays open.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, told councillors at a meeting on Wednesday: "This is in the very early stage, but we have been asked to appoint a councillor to a working group to look at the plans. It is a shared site for council and emergency services and others on land currently off Howell Drive."

Councillor Kaye will now work with members of the county council.

Councillor Garry Banks, Powys County Council's cabinet portfolio holder for localism, said: "In February 2009 the extent of the maintenance backlog at Neuadd Maldwyn was revealed. It was acknowledged that Neuadd Maldwyn would require significant long-term investment. At the time, the estimated maintenance figure stood at £1.5 million over a five-year period."

Councillor Banks said the figure is now about £3 million.

Alan Crowe with the finished mural. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

A MURAL in the centre of Welshpool has been commissioned by resident and former town councillor Alan Crowe, and features the Welshpool and Llanfair Railway that used to come through the town.

Artist Anna Roberts painted the piece on the side of a building on the corner of Church Street and

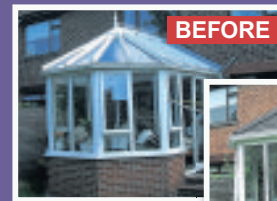
Union Street and she is lined up to complete another painting creating two designs depicting the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway which used to pass through the town centre.

Arts Connection sourced the funding and Boys and Boden donated the paint.

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**Revamp for old chapel in town**

A SMALL 17th century chapel in Ellesmere which had been left to fall into disrepair has been given a new lease of life.

The chapel at Ellesmere Cemetery, in Swan Hill, has been rarely used for many years – but now renovations have been completed in the hope that more people will use it.

It was built in 1865 and has now been cleaned up, the memorial garden renovated and new doors fitted to the chapel.

The work has mainly been completed by Ann Harris, chapel warden, who took on the job 18 months ago. Mrs Harris said the chapel needed a lot of work when she first took on the role and hopes that now more people will be able to use it.

She said: "It desperately needed a new altar front, we polished the brass, replaced the doors and it all looks very nice."

"The new altar frontal was made and donated by Susan Francis, a local lady."

"We want to make people aware that it is there and it is part of Ellesmere's history."

The work was carried out by volunteers and it is not known how much the new doors cost.

A re-dedication service took place at the chapel when about 50 people turned out.

# MP's delight at opening town's £30m health centre

**OSWESTRY'S £30 million health centre has been officially opened by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.**

The centre, off Oswald Road, first opened its doors in 2011 and various services have moved in over the last two years.

The Environment Secretary unveiled a plaque on the main entrance to the centre to mark the occasion. He said he was delighted the centre was now operating after a "long and hard" battle.

He added he was especially delighted that the centre had an X-ray facility, halting the need for many patients to have to travel to Shrewsbury or Wrexham for a scan, and also had its own Minor Injuries Unit.

Representatives of Oswestry Town Council, Shropshire Council and the former Oswestry Borough Council attended the opening and many enjoyed a tour of the building to take a closer look at services.

Mr Paterson said: "The new health centre is a major asset to Oswestry."

"It has come about as a result of a great deal of work and commitment by people from all sections of the community. I am delighted to be involved."

The centre opened in July 2011 as a multi-purpose outpatient centre. Various services are now based in the centre, which was once part of Oswestry's railway works.

These include the NHS dentistry service, advanced primary care services, ante-natal, podiatry and audiology clinics.

Falls prevention clinics, speech and language therapy and the health visiting and district nursing teams are also based there.

Working with developers Castlemead and English Heritage, the transformation of the railway building saw NHS bosses embark on the ambitious project to breathe new life into the 19th century workshop.

Extensive renovation was carried out on the grade II-listed building, which has a combined area of one and a half football pitches.

Services are provided by Shropshire Community Health Trust, South Staffordshire and Shropshire Mental Health Foundation Trust, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Cambrian Medical Practice.

The centre was initially going to be built on a five acre site next door to the building as part of a pioneering "health village".

But after a long campaign by local people the site was registered as a town green.

Health bosses had to rethink their plans and decided to site the health village in the nearby railway building.

Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust chairman Mike Ridley said: "The centre has become a valued part of both the



**MP Owen Paterson officially opened the new Oswestry Health Centre. Mr Paterson is seen here with Mike Ridley. Picture: Laura Outfield.**

local economy within Oswestry and the wider community in north west Shropshire.

"It is an excellent resource and a shining example of the local health economy working together to deliver quality care to patients and the wider public and I am proud to be a part of its official opening," he added.

Dr Santi Eslava, GP partners at Cambrian Medical Centre, said: "It was a struggle to find an appropriate site for our surgery in order to offer better facilities to our patients and we are delighted that all the effort from the many parties involved has now been realised."

**Informal concert to be staged at church**

AN informal 'songs and scones' concert where the audience is invited to come and go as they please will be held in Oswestry on November 2.

The concert in the parish centre at St Oswald's Church, Church Street, will run from 3pm to 5pm and will include vocal music by Vivaldi, Schubert and Brahms.

Chris Nex, who is organising the event, said: "People are welcome to come and go during the concert, but we would appreciate quietness while we play."

"There will be a table with drawing and other material for children to use to help with the entertainment, and there will be tea and soft drinks with scones available to all."

Admission will be free but there will be a chance to donate to the WAY Widowed and Young charity during the concert.

**Hunt for driver**

A DRIVER sped off after a crash in Oswestry which left another motorist shaken. The collision, between two Honda Civics, was at the junction between Willow Street and Welsh Walls just before 4pm on Friday. The male driver of a blue Civic was shaken but unhurt, police said. Witnesses can call police on 101.

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# Shop staff appeal for help with bag-athon

**STAFF** at the Oswestry shop of the British Heart Foundation are appealing for help in a bid to support the Great British Bag-athon.

The national organisation is calling for a million bags of unwanted items to be donated during September across the country and Oswestry shop staff want people of the area to step forward to support the appeal.

The Oswestry staff have set a target of 815 bags to beat last year's total and are well on track after collecting 188 bags at last Sunday's Chirk Car Boot Sale.

Last year more than 568,000 bags were donated nationwide with the people of Oswestry playing their part, and this year shop manager, Jemma Singleton, is keen to see the town's contribution increase.

"There has been an amazing response so far," she said. "We have collected 281 bags in the first week and are determined to beat last year's figure."

"It doesn't matter what people want to donate, we will take just about anything until the end of September," she said.

"We have special bags available in the shop on The Cross for people to collect and they can return them full of anything from books, clothes and bric a brac to shoes, crockery, games and toys."

"It doesn't really matter how big or small the contribution is, we will be grateful for all donations."

And Miss Singleton also issued an appeal for more volunteers to help man the Oswestry store with the promise of NVQ training.



Tracey Roberts and manager Jemma Singleton, promoting the British Heart Foundation's Bag-athon appeal. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

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"I have two full time assistant managers in Tracey Roberts and Teresa Stewart and currently a team of 25 volunteers."

"But we need another 25 volunteers to help with stock generation, fundraising, stock sorting and driving," she said.

"We particularly need more people

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**A:** It is a common misconception that if you pass away without having made a Will, your entire estate will pass automatically to your surviving spouse. Similarly, some believe their estate would pass automatically to their children.

In fact, when someone dies without leaving a Will this creates what the law describes as an 'Intestacy', and the law will dictate how the estate is divided. A spouse does not automatically inherit the whole of their husband or wife's estate. Only the assets they own jointly – for example joint bank accounts and any property they own as joint tenants – will pass automatically to the surviving spouse.

In your case, if your husband were to die without leaving a Will you would not be entitled to those assets which he owned solely. Those would be distributed according to the rules of intestacy. You would be entitled to the first £250,000 of your husband's estate and his chattels – i.e. his personal possessions, together with the income from one half of any remaining funds, which will be held on a form of trust. The other half of any remaining funds will be split equally between your husband's children.

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# Business is booming as pair open a second store



Owners Charlotte and Simon Charley at Charley's 2 in Oswestry. Picture: Peter Flemmich.

**A BUSINESS** which launched in Oswestry just four months ago is expanding to a second premises and has plans to open a third.

Charley's was opened at 3 Willow Street on June 8 by husband and wife team Simon and Charlotte Charley, it sells a range of retail returns but has already outgrown the building.

Now the couple have taken on Charley's 2, a second and larger premises on Castle Street previously occupied by Robin's Nest, where they are concentrating on household goods, white goods and furniture and also plan a third outlet in Ellesmere next month.

## Advertisement feature

The Willow Street shop will now concentrate on children's goods and in particular toys. A Santa's Grotto is in the plans for the festive season.

The idea to start up their own business came after the couple encountered crippling childcare costs of up to £1,000 a month for Evelyn, five, and Rosalie, two, when they were both employed.

"It just didn't stack up," said Simon. "Any money we were making was going on childcare so we looked at ways of working for ourselves and came up with the idea of selling retail goods which have been returned to manufacturers with small imperfections."

"We have had a tremendous response with people travelling from as far away as Shrewsbury and Wrexham."

"With people asking for white goods and furniture and this was a great opportunity. There's parking space and we can now offer a delivery service."

Charlotte pointed out that all customers are made aware that the products may have slight damage.

"We point out all imperfections," she said. "It's vital that the customer knows exactly what they are buying."

"We are offering people a good deal and it seems that customers are recognising that they can pay less at Charley's."

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in brief

**Mother shedding locks for charity**

A 28-YEAR-old mum-of-one from Oswestry is preparing to brave the autumn wind and rain and shave her hair off for charity.

Rebecca Willmott is hoping to raise £1,000 for Mind by shaving off her long hair on September 14.

She said: "I think it's important to raise awareness. I think Mind is an excellent charity. I've raised about £120 so far, and the staff at Checkers hair salon in Cabin Lane have agreed to do the shave for me."

See [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RebeccaWillmott](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RebeccaWillmott)

**Evening of jazz booked at gallery**

AN evening of jazz will be taking place at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry on September 20.

Singer Libby Glikman and pianist Dean Ames will be performing a programme of songs by Etta James, Adele, Norah Jones, Cher and Abba at the gallery's monthly acoustic night from 8pm.

Tickets cost £5, from the gallery.

**Songsters' date**

THE Salvation Army Songsters from Wrexham will be visiting Oswestry Methodist Church on October 24 to present a concert at 7.30pm.

# Retirement forces sale of popular boaters' pub

**A CANALSIDE pub as been put up for sale as its owners have decided to retire.**

The Jack Mytton Inn at Hindford, which was formerly a Victorian farmhouse, is being marketed for £865,000.

The pub sits on the towpath of the Llangollen Canal and is popular with boaters and walkers.

Owners Ian and Wendy Spencer-Brown have been running the pub, also known as Mad Jack's, for almost eight years.

But they are now looking forward to retirement and so have decided to sell up and move on.

Mr Spencer-Brown, 71, said they will keep running the pub until a buyer comes forward, but they have decided that now is the time for them to move on.

"We will be sorry to say goodbye. I would keep going in a heart beat if I could, but I'm not really able to do the work any more," he said.

"I would say it would suit a younger set of people, because the house is big enough for at least two families, or one of the big chains.

"There is definitely a busy period each year in the school holidays because of the boat traffic, and we have to take on more staff. The moorings are an advantage of this location because there's lots of room for boats. Other places don't have so many moorings and you'll see the boats moored

**by Pam Griffin**

up a quarter of a mile up the banks in each direction."

Mrs Spencer-Jones said they had not yet decided what they would do when they retire, but said they were considering finding a home in Shropshire or moving to Portugal.

The site includes three main areas – the pub, a separate house providing accommodation for the owners, and a patio area with seating. The grounds cover two acres with lawned areas, two paddocks and the canal frontage, which includes 300ft of purpose-built moorings.

Yew Tree House, the private accommodation, is a five-bedroom Victorian Villa dating back to 1884, and is connected to a two-bedroom annexe which has been converted from the former stable block.

Agents Sidney Phillips said the pub is a profitable business, turning over nearly £250,000 in the year ending February 2011.

## Golden opportunity to celebrate together

TWO couples from Oswestry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries together this weekend as they have done, almost every year, for the last four decades.

Pat and Mavis Humby were married in Oswestry on September 7, 1963, while hundreds of miles away on the same day Joyce and Tony Corkwell were tying the knot at a church in Yorkshire.

When the Corkwells moved to Oswestry in the late 1960s they set up home in Prince Charles Close, met neighbours, Mr and Mrs Humby and discovered they shared the same wedding day.

Despite the Corkwells moving away due to work, the two couples have ensured that, whenever possible, they have celebrated their joint anniversaries together and did so for their golden weddings at Oswestry Golf Club on Saturday.

Mr Humby, who worked for Severn Trent before retiring, said: "We have remained firm friends since we were neighbours in the 1970s. Tony and Joyce moved away for a while because of Tony's job, but each year we always celebrated our anniversary on September 7 or on the nearest weekend to the day."

The Humbys, who have a son and daughter and two grandchildren, have an extremely large, extended family.

Over the years they have fostered more than 100 children, many of whom still remain in touch with the couple.

"We count ourselves as very lucky to have enjoyed such a long and fulfilling marriage," Mr Humby said.



Tony and Joyce Corkwell and Mavis and Pat Humby celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary together. Picture: Laura Outfield.



Pat and Mavis



Tony and Joyce

## Business boosting funds for hospice

HOPE House children's hospice has received a cash boost thanks to a link-up with a county business.

Staff at the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry are raising as much cash as possible for Hope House Children's Hospice through a number of schemes.

Their latest was the sale of garden ornaments and planters at the Onslow Park Steam Rally in Shrewsbury, which raised £300.

Future fundraising plans include female staff taking part in a 10-mile London Bridge night walk in November and money will also be raised when the company attends shows throughout Shropshire in the future.

Ben Knowles from the British Ironwork Centre said: "Our objectives for next year will really outshine this first effort at the steam rally."

"Our target will be double this value, if we are able to participate again."

Hope House committee member Derek Whitefoot said the steam rally was delighted to have the British Ironwork Centre involved.

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## Printing workshops to be held at gallery

A SERIES of printmaking workshops is being organised at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry starting this month.

The sessions will be led by Ben Partridge and will start with a taster session on September 21 costing £35.

During the session, which will run from 10.30am to 4pm, Ben will teach beginners a variety of printmaking techniques. The session will also be suitable for people who have printed before, but not for some time.

Following the taster, an introduction to printmaking: collagraph and drypoint course will run fortnightly on Fridays from 5-8pm starting on September 27. The course will cost £15 per session or £75 for all six sessions.

For more information or to book a place contact the gallery in Willow Street on (01691) 657575.

## Church open day

ST Oswald's parish church in Oswestry will be open on Saturday as part of the Shropshire Festival of Churches. There will be tours of the church and tower, activities for children and refreshments available from 10am to 5pm, with a service at 10.30am. Visitors are welcome to drop in at any point.

# Mixed views over plans for 50 new village homes

**MORE than 50 people have now lodged views on housing plans which would see the major expansion of Gobowen, with some supporters saying the new homes would help address the area's economic decline.**

Parish councillors have already objected to plans for 50 homes off Whittington Road after hearing presentations from objectors and supporters.

Applicant Michael Evans addressed a meeting of Selatyn and Gobowen Parish Council during the summer to outline his plans, saying the bid would address a housing shortage.

He said the homes would provide funding of more than £323,000 through the Community Infrastructure Levy which requires developers to pay money to local parish councils.

Among concerns raised were worries over sewage and flooding as well as the extra traffic generated.

They also wondered whether there was a need for so many homes and whether giving approval to the plans, which sit outside the village development boundary, would "open the door" to similar proposals.

Since the meeting more than 50 views have been lodged with Shropshire Council over the plans, with about 30 of them in support of the outline application.

Oswestry businessman Carleton Leonard said: "As a

by Iain St John

local businessman I am alarmed at the decline in the Oswestry area over the past 18 months. We need to start investing in the future and protecting what a great place Oswestry and the surrounding area is.

"The lack of new properties being built in the Oswestry area is alarming to myself. We need to start attracting new people to the area as well as giving new buyers a chance to get on the market and this proposal to me is a great idea and one I fully back."

Among the objectors is Kate Roberts who wrote: "I consider this proposed development inappropriate."

"We already have the large Wats Meadow development numbering 123 properties under construction and several other smaller developments completed or in the pipeline all within the planning boundary. This proposal is on agricultural land and is greenfield."

## Patient is wide awake for his hip surgery

WHEN Paul Eaton went into hospital for a hip replacement he found himself wide awake during the operation, chatting to the anaesthetist watching sport on his computer tablet and even seeing his operation filmed for a television documentary.

Mr Eaton, 57, is one of the latest patients at the Orthopaedic Hospital near Oswestry to take advantage of new procedures and elect to stay awake for his surgery.

As a result of developments in anaesthetics, many patients can choose to stay awake during such major joint replacement operations and, with free WiFi throughout the hospital, can bring in their tablets to watch films or stream live TV.

Patients have their anaesthetic options explained by their consultant.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Mr Richard Spencer Jones, said: "Even if they initially decide to stay awake, which has several benefits for quicker recovery, they can change their mind part way through the procedure, if it does not suit them and still have a general anaesthetic."

"For me, I can simply get on with my surgical work as usual but for the patient it is hugely beneficial, as they can get going so much more quickly after the operation."

Mr Eaton, 57, finance broker from Oswestry said: "Not only did the hos-



Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Mr Richard Spencer Jones chats with Paul Eaton.

pital give me plenty of information beforehand - their films about the procedure and the exercises to do afterwards are excellent, I was also reassured by Dr Elis Hughes about

type of anaesthetic for my hour long operation. It was very interesting staying awake, speaking to the anaesthetist, watching sport on the tablet and meeting the television crew."

## Idea for new jail welcomed by MPs

POLITICIANS on both sides of the Shropshire/Welsh border have welcomed the announcement that a super-prison will be built in Wrexham.

They say the prison will bring a huge jobs boost to the region and make it easier for local prisoners to be visited by their relatives.

The Ministry of Justice confirmed the prison, housing 2,000 prisoners, will be built on land at Wrexham Industrial Estate.

Government bosses said the move, which would also see the closure of four other jails, was the next stage in the modernisation of the prison network.

The modernisation programme has already seen the closure of the Dana prison at Shrewsbury.

It is hoped that up to 1,000 jobs will be created in the region by the building of the Wrexham super-prison.

Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies said: "The Government announcement of a new prison in Wrexham is very good news for Montgomeryshire."

"It is massive investment and lots of jobs."

North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said: "It is good news because it will bring jobs to the area and it will make it easier for people who may have relatives in prison to visit them."

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**Variety concert in memory of Mary**

A MUCH-loved church organist who died earlier this year will be remembered with a variety concert in Welshpool.

Mary Gordon was born in 1926 and was the organist at Welshpool Methodist Church for much of her life.

Janice Rhodes, church council secretary, said: "Mary is remembered by many in the town who have been encouraged in their music making, and in their church life, by this quiet, unassuming lady who shunned the limelight."

"Mary had two great passions throughout her life - her passion for music, especially teaching young people to play the piano, and her passion for her church, where she served God in so many ways, but especially through her gift of music."

"The concert will feature a wide variety of musical styles so loved by Mary, including Old Time Music Hall, performed by those who have had the privilege of making music with her over many years, together with youngsters from the church and Welshpool High School."

The concert is on Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from the church or on the door, proceeds will be divided between the high school's music department and the church's development fund.

**Back to school for pupils as new sixth form unveiled**

**SCHOOL** pupils were back behind their desks this week as the Marches School unveiled its new sixth form.

The youngsters had their first lessons last Thursday, marking the opening of the ambitious school's new sixth form in the building previously occupied by Fairholme care home.

Among those starting lessons were Zoe Holt, Charlie Woolhouse and Natalie Rose, all 16. Zoe said although she had had her doubts to begin with, she was now really looking forward to her A-levels.

"At first I wasn't going to come here at all," she said. "I was adamant I didn't want to come here, but then I saw the plans for the sixth form and they were really good. The facilities are incredible so now I'm really excited to start."

Charlie said he was proud to be among the first to enter the sixth form, and hoped he could be an example to younger pupils.

"If this hadn't opened this year I would have tried desperately to find somewhere else to study, so it's good to be able to come here."

Natalie added: "I have thought about being a doctor or a lawyer or lots of things, but I'm still not sure what I want to do."

"But I'm really excited to start sixth form and I'm hoping that by the end of my

**By Pam Griffin**

A-levels I'll know what I want to do."

And it is not just students who are making a new start. The school has also taken on a new member of staff, with Charlotte Revill taking up a position as sixth form student support coordinator, dealing with matters concerning student welfare.

Sarah Longville, head teacher at the Marches, welcomed the sixth formers and wished them well.

She said: "This is an extremely exciting development for the school and we are delighted to now have the opportunity to further nurture our students through their post-16 education."

The school will be holding a sixth form information evening on October 17 from 6-8pm.

Application forms and a prospectus for September 2014 will be available on the night and at [www.marches-school.co.uk](http://www.marches-school.co.uk)



The opening of the Sixth Form at Marches School in Oswestry. Miss Claire Buckle, head of sixth form, with new students Natalie Rose, Timothy Doyle, Charlie Woolhouse and Zoe Holt.

**Hospital visitors get tips on health**

VISITORS to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital were given hints on staying fit and healthy for as long as possible during a major health promotion day.

The Making Every Contact Count free health event was part of an NHS initiative and was staged at the hospital.

A number of the hospital's specialists were on hand to make various presentations on a range of topics such as back pain, hand, foot and hip problems.

Expert staff explained to visitors and patients how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and how to make simple changes to improve their own health and wellbeing.

Those visitors with aches and pains were also able to make the most of the day as the physiotherapy team at the hospital offered functional movement assessments on a first come, first served basis.

Additionally, there were exhibition stands from local organisations to offer information and advice.

Ruth Tyrrell, associate director of human resources, said: "The day has been really popular, and it's been a great opportunity for patients to come along and get the benefit of meeting surgeons, physiotherapy and other specialist staff without having to have an appointment."

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# Mercedes making its first trip into the compact SUV sector

**Mercedes has unveiled the brand new GLA, the company's first challenger in the compact SUV sector.**

With two-wheel and four-wheel drive options and surprising efficiency, thanks in part to excellent aerodynamics, the GLA is built more obviously for the road than any prior Mercedes G-series car.

At around 4.4 metres long, 1.8 metres wide (excluding mirrors) and 1.5 metres high, the GLA has a purposeful, muscular stance that will sit well with buyers looking for a compact SUV with a little more visual impact than many of the current options.

## Complex

It has the safety features to back up its looks, with an extremely complex stability control system able to counter-steer in the event of oversteer, emergency braking, hard acceleration, cross-winds and road camber.

The option of four-wheel drive refers to a new on-demand system that sends more power to the rear wheels only when needed. It's lighter than permanent four-wheel drive systems and allows for greater efficiency at the cost of outright off-road capability; something few, if any, GLA owners will need.



*The interior of the Mercedes GLA, which has high levels of safety*

Four engines will initially be available, starting with a turbocharged 1.6-litre petrol GLA 200 with 154bhp, rising through a 2.0-litre, 208bhp turbo petrol to a pair of 2.1-litre diesels with 134bhp and 168bhp.

The 2.0-litre petrol promises to be the most flexible and fastest, passing 62mph in 6.5 seconds thanks to a torque output as high as the more potent diesel's, but

over an even broader rev range. Fuel economy hunters should seek out the 134bhp GLA 200 CDI, which according to official tests can manage 65mpg on the combined cycle in conjunction with just 114g/km, although these are provisional figures.

Final UK spec and pricing is yet to be confirmed, however, and it could be 2014 before the model arrives on these shores.



*The Mercedes GLA compact SUV has muscular styling and excellent aerodynamics*



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One of the benefits of buying a Vauxhall is the Lifetime warranty. Pictured: The Vauxhall Zafira



The Vauxhall Adam allows customers to personalise their vehicle with a wide range of options

# It's a weekend of celebrations

Arthurs Vauxhall, the award-winning dealer with branches in Oswestry and Newtown, is joining in the celebrations with Vauxhall and participating in the Vauxhall 110 Year Celebration New Car Sale Weekend.

This year sees Vauxhall mark its 110th anniversary of selling and manufacturing motor vehicles.

Having recently won the Vauxhall Professionals League, which measures Vauxhall dealers across a range of areas including new car sales and customer satisfaction rankings, Nigel Williams, managing director at Arthurs, enthused as to how pleased he was for the whole team to have gained this prestigious accolade and how the dealership intends to build on this success by having a record breaking new car sales event this coming weekend.

Nigel said: "Our new car sales this month so far



Arthurs Vauxhall is set for a big weekend. Pictured: The Vauxhall Corsa

are way up on the same period last year and we are very busy.

"This Vauxhall celebration is important to us in many ways, we have been part of the Vauxhall family since 1939 and we are proud to be 100 per cent Vauxhall. We are totally loyal to the Vauxhall

brand and do not represent any other car brands. This allows us to be specialists across our business and we are finding an increasing number of customers are travelling from long distances to come to Arthurs. Our teams at Oswestry and Newtown are true Vauxhall enthusiasts.

Craig Huxley, Oswestry car sales manager added: "We have also recently achieved 161 per cent of our used car target, this shows what a well-rounded business we have in Oswestry and Newtown, but it also gives us more benefits, we are able to give better prices for part exchanges as we are confident we can sell them."

## Strong

Craig continued: "We are also very fortunate to have a very strong service department to support our customers, we have Vauxhall trained service technicians with many years' experience, and it never ceases to amaze me how far customers travel to our premises, both for service and sales. Not surprisingly we are one of the top performers in the Vauxhall network for service customer care and our service teams also win a great number of awards."

Steve Hughes, Newtown general sales manager, stressed how much improvement there had been in the Vauxhall model range over the last few years and said how Arthurs had seen many more part exchanges coming in from other makes.

"We are lucky to be representing Vauxhall at

this time and we are probably the only car brand to have very exciting models in most sectors," he said.

"One of the benefits of buying a new Vauxhall is the unique Vauxhall Lifetime 100,000-mile warranty, it has really grabbed the attention of customers and is a great offer which is highly valued by our customers.

"As for this Vauxhall 110 Year Celebration New Car Sale Weekend, we are looking forward to selling lots of new cars. Vauxhall is supporting sales with a £500 cash gift, which is in addition to the other great customer offers available. This £500 cash gift applies to sales of most models within the Vauxhall range and will be paid as a pre-paid card.

"Of particular interest are the deals on the Astra Energy, customers can benefit from up to five years 0 per cent flexible finance, £2,000 towards their deposit and the £500 cash gift – I'm going to buy one myself", quipped Steve.

He continued: "In all seriousness we are very much looking forward to this event when we expect to break all records for selling new cars in September – an exciting time for all.

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# New Suzuki looks set to fill gap in market

By Sharon Walters

Suzuki has made its name as a maker of small cars and 4x4s, so it comes as a surprise that it's taken until now to combine the two.

But as traditional SUVs have grown larger and more expensive, there's a clear gap in the market for a car with all-weather ability that's cheaper to buy and run than many standard hatchbacks.

After all, by no means everyone who lives in the countryside is a millionaire, and for the environmentally conscious there are few greener alternatives, with fuel consumption averaging better than 50mpg.

So, enter the Suzuki Swift 4x4, based on the Japanese company's best-selling hatchback, which could be yours for a little over £12,600.

Its main competitor is the Fiat Panda. Yes Suzuki still produces the Jimny, but that's a different kettle of fish.

It's a more traditionally built 4x4, a sort of baby Vitara, but its accomplished off-road performance requires compromises which impact on its ride comfort and handling on the road. Not so the Swift 4x4: in fact from its appearance or driving experience you'd be hard pressed to spot any differences with the standard hatchback. Unless, that is, you pay an extra £1,000 for the top-of-the-range model with its special bodykit.

There are no levers or buttons to worry about. The four-wheel drive system is fully automatic with a viscous coupling proportionally directing power to the rear wheels when the front ones start to slip. The coupling is little bigger than a clenched fist: in fact the whole 4x4 system adds just 65kg to the car's weight. The result is little impact on performance, just 5mpg less and a 10g/km increase in CO2 emissions.

## Steep

The test drives took place in North Wales, with 20 miles or so of steep inclines and dirt tracks through the Berwyn Mountains, where first and second gears were the order of the day. It was pleasantly surprising to find we had averaged 42mpg, so 50mpg should be entirely feasible in day-to-day use. Both 4x4 models are powered by the Swift range's 1.2-litre petrol engine, one of the most powerful in its class with 94PS on tap. With a 0 to 62mph time of 13.3 seconds it's a little slower off the mark than the standard hatchback. Yet it doesn't seem to struggle – its performance on the open road, and at motorway speeds, was something of a revelation with low noise levels and a civility which would be the envy of cars with much more power to spare. The extra 25mm ride height (to accommodate the 4x4 system and give those who venture off road a bit more ground clearance) doesn't seem to have affected the road holding or supple ride, either.

That's as it should be. This new Swift is not aimed at wannabe explorers, it's a car for those who need to drive come rain, sleet or snow and who want the extra traction and security of four-wheel drive at an affordable price.

Suzuki is dipping its toes into a new market sector so – for the time being at least – there isn't the option of a 4x4 with the Swift range's 1.3-litre diesel engine. But with the petrol engine's economy, lower price and the petrol/diesel price differential that's only likely to be an issue for higher mileage drivers.

## Best-equipped

The 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades, the two best-equipped models in the Swift range. List prices are £13,819 and £15,739 but – at least until the end of September – Suzuki has included the new car in its 'VAT free' offer.

That works out at £12,616 and £13,116 respectively.

The SZ3 is well-equipped by class/price standards with ABS and other electronic braking systems, plus an electronic stability programme helping the four-wheel drive to keep you safe.

Front, side and curtain airbags are also standard, along with convenience features such as electric windows, driver's seat and steering wheel multi-adjustment, electrically-heated and adjustable door mirrors, manual air conditioning, and a radio/CD player with remote controls on the steering wheel.

Step up to the SZ4 and you also get automatic air conditioning, automatic headlamps and a 4x4 body kit. The wheel arch extensions, side skirts and front and rear skid plates emphasise the fact you've got the 4x4 version, as well as offering some protection over uneven ground.



The Suzuki Swift 4x4 is based on the Japanese marque's best-selling hatchback



The new Swift 4x4 comes in five-door, five-seat SZ3 and SZ4 grades



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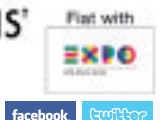
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# Vauxhall Monza Concept to break cover at Frankfurt

Vauxhall's ground-breaking Monza Concept, the first car to feature cutting-edge LED projection infotainment and an evolution of the Ampera's revolutionary powertrain, is set for its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show this week.

Richard Potts, franchise director at Greenhous believes the Monza Concept represents the Vauxhall car of tomorrow.

He said: "The latest concept from Vauxhall is breathtaking both visually and technologically. On one hand, it embodies everything that already characterises Vauxhall – precision engineering combined with innovative technologies wrapped in a captivating design.

## Optimum

"On the other hand, it highlights many of the features that will be developed in the next generation of Vauxhall cars; maximum connectivity and optimum efficiency."

Connectivity is demonstrated by a trail-blazing LED projection technology for instrument and infotainment displays. Efficiency comes in many ways, with lightweight design, optimal use of interior space, and advanced powertrain technology.

Richard continued: "The Monza Concept is based on the increasing electrifi-



Looking to the future: The Vauxhall Monza Concept

cation of cars in everyday driving, from range-extender to fuel cell. As far as styling is concerned, Vauxhall are expressing pure efficiency in a new, lean and athletic interpretation of their typical sculptural shapes. The Monza Concept is nothing less than their vision of the automotive future.

"There is no doubt that electric vehicles are developing at an extraordinary rate and the future of driving is certainly heading in an electric direction. The Monza uses an electric drive with a CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) range extender – a further development of the Ampera's pioneering technology."

The new-generation three-cylinder 1.0 SIDI turbo – which also makes its premiere at Frankfurt – takes over the task as range extender. However, it does so with natural gas instead of petrol, further improving the car's CO2 footprint. With its visionary approach, Vauxhall continues to combine the potential of electric propulsion with the benefits of the internal combustion engine.

The original Monza made its world premiere at the IAA back in 1977 for Vauxhall's sister company Opel: it was a large coupé with a silky smooth-running six-cylinder engine. It went into production as the Vauxhall Royale in the UK, and was sold until 1982.

The new Monza Concept has a beautifully shaped bonnet with the distinctive centre fold continuing the tradition of the Monza front with the typical Vauxhall crease. The large boomerang-shaped air intakes in front of the wheel arches complement the elegant chrome bar that holds the Griffin badge.

British designer Mark Adams and his team introduce a new interpretation of the sculptural design that first went into production with the Insignia. Distinctive lines, high-precision design and perfect sweeping contours remain the core of the evolving design philosophy.

## Sculpted

Vauxhall continues innovating with state-of-the-art LED projection technology in the Monza Concept. Drivers no longer find the conventional individual, separate monitors that display different information; instead, they face a wide, sculpted dashboard that sweeps from door to door, and is used as a single projection surface. Information and decorative elements are displayed on the surface, which the driver can customise according to his needs, taste or mood.

Richard concluded: "Vauxhall have a clear vision of how their cars will be in the future, along with a clear strategy of how they will achieve this goal. The Monza Concept gives this strategy an unmistakable identity that has never been seen in the industry before."

"It embodies what Vauxhall believe their customers can expect from them within the next few years, not only in terms of design, but also in terms of efficiency and connectivity between drivers and the internet community."

## Milestone golf day



Members of staff on the golf day at Hawkstone Park

This summer has seen the annual Greenhous golf event reach its 30th anniversary. The competition took place at Hawkstone Park on Saturday, August 31, and staff members from all areas of the company were invited to take part.

Andy Harley, parts sales executive at Greenhous DAF in Shrewsbury, was thrilled to be crowned this year's winner. He said: "I have been at Greenhous for 23 years and have taken part in the golf event since I joined the company."

"It has always been my ambition to get my name on the trophy and to do so in the 30th year is a massive achievement for me. The day itself was very competitive which makes the experience all the more fun."

"I am passionate about golf and helping to organise the event over the years has not only made me feel a part of the competition but also a part of Greenhous. I am sure the golf event will continue for the next 30 years and I really am chuffed to be named this year's winner."

## Finest

Hawkstone Park Golf Club, near Shrewsbury, played host to 26 members of staff from various areas of the company. Staff were invited to a day of golf at one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in the West Midlands, surrounding the ruins of a medieval castle with the cliffs of the world-famous 19th century follies providing a spectacular backdrop.

Jo Jones, event organiser said: "Greenhous is a large motor group that is spread across Shropshire and the West Midlands, meaning most members of the company don't often come into contact with each other."

"The golf day out was a great way to bring staff together from around the group and provided an opportunity for people to meet colleagues from other dealerships that they wouldn't normally get the chance to meet."



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## Spacious home includes annexe and large garden

A substantial detached house with a large garden and purpose built ground floor annexe, Dallas, 32 Upper Church Street, Oswestry, is within a very short walk of the town shops.

The property is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at a guide price of £249,500 with no upward chain and offers considered.

With double glazing and central heating it has a lobby, small office, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, store room,

double garage, three bedrooms and a bathroom. The annexe has a spacious sitting room with patio doors to the garden, and a double bedroom with triple fitted wardrobes and a large ensuite shower room.

In more detail the lounge features a tiled fireplace and double doors overlooking the garden. The dining room has a serving hatch and a bay window, and the kitchen is fitted with a range of oak units and a pantry.

Upstairs are three bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, and a modern bathroom including a bath and separate shower cubicle.

A large forecourt leads to the double garage and hardstanding suitable for a caravan.

To the rear of the house is a large garden laid mainly to lawn with a productive vegetable patch, a wide paved patio and a greenhouse.

For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit [www.jjdell.co.uk](http://www.jjdell.co.uk)



## Former chapel among properties for auction

A former chapel and four family homes are going under the hammer at Welshpool Livestock Sales on September 25. Bethal Chapel, *above*, in Mount Street, Welshpool, has planning consent for conversion to three residential apartments and a guide price of £50,000.

Four more properties ranging from a rural cottage to a modern four-bedroom detached house have guide prices between £70,000 and £160,000. For details call Morris Marshall & Poole on 01938 554818 or visit [www.morrismarshall.co.uk](http://www.morrismarshall.co.uk)



## Light and airy modern house on town fringe

An immaculate and spacious family home on the outskirts of Oswestry, 24 Morda Close is for sale at £375,000. It has a lobby, dining room, kitchen, rear hall, garden room, utility, shower room, three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, covered balcony, bedroom four/study, large private gardens, garage, driveway, double glazing and gas central heating. For further information contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit [www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk](http://www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk)



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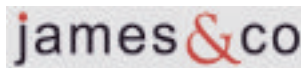
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- A well appointed and deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Cloakroom, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
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- Private rear garden together with a large side garden
- Which could accommodate an extension to the property (subject to planning permission).



NEW

Penycae Avenue  
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Large Fully Fitted Kitchen opening into Dining Room with separate doors leading into Conservatory
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NEW - NO CHAIN

Narrow Street  
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- Lounge, Kitchen on the ground floor with extensive cellars below
- Bedroom and bathroom on the first floor
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NEW - NO CHAIN

Victoria Street  
Oswestry £134,950

- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Property situated in an established residential area within walking distance of the town centre.
- The property has recently been renovated to the highest of standards but has retained a host of original features
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, 2 spacious Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Low maintenance garden to rear and pedestrian side access to the front
- uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating. EPC Rating



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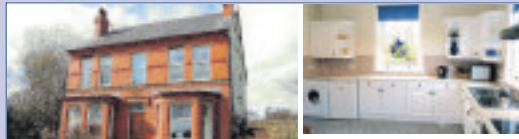
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Oswestry £500,000

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- Substantial stone/brick built outbuildings which could be used for a host of future uses (subject to planning consents). Further brick built Building is currently used as a Games Rm
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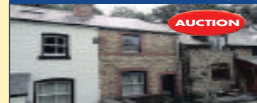
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AUCTION

- Detached, considerable scope for refurb or redev (subject to consent)
- Gardens of approx 0.16 ac
- Living room and kitchen to ground floor
- 2 beds and bath upstairs
- EPC Rating G

WREXHAM LOT 2 Guide Price Over £40,000



AUCTION

- 2 bedroom end terrace
- Situated in Pontfaen in the Ceiriog Valley
- Requires a full scheme of modernisation
- Single garage and parking to the rear
- EPC Rating G

OSWESTRY LOT 3 Guide Price Over £45,000



AUCTION

- A spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached property
- Set in a large plot in the popular village of Whittington.
- In need of renovation works
- Lounge, Kitchen, Utility Room and Bath, 3 Beds separate WC
- EPC Rating D

OSWESTRY LOT 4 Guide Price Over £50,000



AUCTION

- Modernised 2 bedroom Leasehold apartment
- Situated in Babbinswood close to Oswestry
- Recently fitted Kit & Bath
- Lounge and 2 Double Beds
- Private rear garden
- Ideal for 1st time buyers & Investors

LLANGOLLEN LOT 5 Guide Price £80,000



- A substantial block of residential investment property providing excellent scope for modernisation and refurbishment having been partially converted in previous years into individual bedsit style flats but suitable for either refurbishment into a single residence or (subject to consent) conversion into separate letting units.

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AUCTION

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AUCTION

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- Ground Floor Bathroom
- 3 Beds First Floor Bedrooms
- 2 Second Floor Bedrooms
- Small Rear Courtyard with Workshop and WC
- Parking Area
- Character Features

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A new owner should find enough firewood each year to supply a wood burner. In previous years the land has been let for a small family shoot and last year it was used for a day for an antique motor cycle rally!

Apart from the stream this is a great property for conservation and amenity interest. The Spring sees a carpet of bluebells. Nesting birds recorded are green woodpeckers, dippers and ravens in the old Scots pine trees, and the wood boasts resident woodcock. The sale includes a small foresters hut, with comfortable arm chair!

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# Renault set to charge ahead with sleek Zoe

By John Griffiths

Renault managed to captivate British audiences (I suspect mostly the blokes) in the 1990s when they introduced Nicole and her Papa to plug the Clio.

The award-winning series of TV ads were so popular that one survey found the French actress was recognised by more of us than the then Prime Minister John Major!

Now they're trying to woo us with another shapely French model – Zoe. It's the company's new electric car which pushes the cause of alternative power forward in terms of technology and packaging. The name, by the way, comes from Renault's ZE (for zero emissions) division.

## Innovations

It has all the usual electric car attractions such as zero emissions and tax exemptions but there are some innovations, too.

Perhaps the most important is the new 'chameleon' charger which means (at the right power point) it can be fully recharged in as little as 30 minutes – alleviating the drawback of rivals which need to be plugged in overnight after 100 miles.

The second innovation is Renault's decision to essentially split the car from the batteries for sales purposes. It means buyers can get a Zoe



The Renault Zoe electric car has a modern, almost futuristic interior

from under £14,000 (no more than a comparable petrol or diesel hatchback) while the battery is leased from the company at prices from £70 a month, depending on mileage. That's around what most people would pay for fossil fuels, but Renault's intention is to make Zoe accessible to more customers while removing any worries about battery life and, potentially, the major cost of replacement.

Essentially it's a lifetime guarantee on the battery which should considerably help resale values. Renault also has a system in place to recover Zoe drivers if they do miss the various warnings and run out of steam.

Zoe is a smooth, sleek hatchback with a thoroughly modern, almost futuristic interior which equates approximately with the new Clio in space terms.

It drives well, too. The heavy battery pack is fitted in the centre of the car, under the seats, so it is perfectly balanced and feels surprisingly

light and agile. The steering system, for example, is developed from the precise set-up used on the high performance Renaultsport models.

Because of the weight of the batteries the suspension is, according to Renault, the most robust in its car range but it has been tuned for comfort with an uprated damping system. It certainly feels very smooth and the car is, of course, much quieter than its fossil fuel rivals.

In fact Renault has given Zoe a 'voice' on safety grounds so that pedestrians can hear you coming. There's a choice of three tones – mine sounded a little like a light aircraft in the distance – which operate at lower, around town speeds. It is muted on the open road, as Renault engineers believe wind and tyre noise at higher speeds will achieve the same objective.

Zoe's motor has 87bhp (a bit less if you use the 'Eco' button to extend the range) but that also comes with a diesel-like 220Nm of torque which is available the second the motor starts to



At the right power point the Zoe can be charged in as little as 30 minutes

turn. The result is zippy initial acceleration which might surprise internal combustion engine rivals at the lights. Things even out later on, but it still manages to hit 62mph in a respectable 13.5 seconds. Top speed is limited to 84mph.

The Zoe's range between charges is nominally 130 miles, an improvement on some of its rivals.

Initially, Zoe buyers will have a wall-mounted charging point fitted at home free of charge. The process takes up to nine hours at a cost of around £3.30, but that can be considerably reduced if you programme it to use cheaper, night-time rates.

There are currently 1,700 or so public charging points (many of them free!) in Britain and more are being added by the week.

Zoe may not be the answer to everyone's motoring needs but it is one of the best electric vehicles to hit the market so far.

## Bumper to bumper

### Renault Zoe

**Power train:** 65Kw (88bhp) electric and 220Nm of torque, with automatic transmission driving the front wheels.

**Performance:** 0-62mph in 13.5 secs: Max 84mph (limited).

**Range:** 130 miles. Charging time nine hours with 16A domestic supply, one hour for 80 per cent on 22Kw 32A charge point.

**CO2 emissions:** 0. VED band A; BIK tax liability: Exempt.

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# Kia Sorento is now even better

**By Sharon Walters**

**The latest Kia Sorento was an award winner within weeks of being launched in the UK.**

It picked up its third Total 4x4 magazine award in a row with a special award for being the "Most Improved" contender.

And it's easy to see why.

It was just three years into its lifespan when Kia decided to revise the SUV with a long list of improvements including a new platform, revised engine, enhanced interior quality and a smarter, more modern look. And it's fair to say that what was one of the best 4x4s on the market was made even better.

## Comfortable

And it really does deliver those promises. It is one of the most comfortable SUVs to either drive or be a passenger in, has fantastic specification, plenty of people and luggage space and doesn't cost the earth. And if you want to tow, the suspension is well-controlled making pulling a horsebox or caravan easy. On top of that, all but the entry level KX-1 model have self-levelling suspension as standard, which is another bonus for towers.

It wasn't just the usual mid-term upgrade, the Sorento had a front-to-rear and top-to-bottom re-engineering which improved safety, comfort, luxury and driving dynamics while lowering fuel consumption, emissions and running costs. In a simplified range, all models have a permanent all-wheel drive system and are powered by a revised version of Kia's 2.2-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine.

So let's have a look at some of those improvements in more detail.

Kia's widely used Motor Driven Power Steering (MDPS) saves fuel by drawing power from the engine only when the car is turning and improves



*The Kia Sorento benefits from improved safety, comfort and driving dynamics*

agility thanks to a lower steering gear ratio. The Kia Flex-Steer system, which allows the driver to choose between Normal, Sport and Comfort levels according to where and how the car is being driven, is fitted to the range-topping KX-3 model.

Suspension revisions also contribute to the new Sorento's greater refinement. In addition, a three-layer dash pad, a tunnel insulator and a redesigned wind deflector ahead of the panoramic roof fitted to KX-3 help to reduce vibrations, boom and road noise entering the cabin – what engineers refer to as noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

The 2.2-litre CRDi turbodiesel engine, driving all four wheels via a six-speed manual gearbox or the company's six-speed automatic has class-leading fuel economy and CO2 emissions of 47.9 mpg and 155 g/km (manual) which gives buyers a saving of £155 in the first year's road tax (VED). It develops 194bhp at 3,800 rpm and 422Nm of torque from just 1,800rpm, which

means Sorento has outstanding driveability on- and off-road with acceleration from 0-60 mph in 9.4 seconds (manual) or 9.5 seconds (auto), and all versions have a top speed of 118mph.

Passengers travel in rows two and three with plenty of all-round space – something I tested by loading the vehicle up with friends for an evening out. Some were a little apprehensive about travel quality but all were full of praise.

There are four trim grades – KX-1, KX-2, KX-2 Sat-Nav and KX-3, with leather used to trim the steering wheel of every model.

## Flexible

The front centre console has flexible cup holders with a sliding cover and the gearshifters leave more space for storing small items.

Standard equipment on all versions includes body-coloured bumpers, chrome exterior door handles, aero blade-type front wipers, projection headlamps with cornering lights, electrically fold-



*The new Kia Sorento offers great value for money with prices from £26,459*

ing, adjustable and heated door mirrors, chrome interior garnish, rear air ventilation, LED daytime running lamps, cruise control, extendable sun visors with illuminated vanity mirrors and a ticket pocket, reversing sensors, high-performance dampers and MDPS steering.

KX-2 versions additionally now have rain-sensing front wipers, a leather-trimmed instrument panel and a 4.3in LCD colour touch-screen with reversing sensors. The KX-2 Sat-Nav version adds a seven-inch touch-screen navigation system with European mapping and Traffic Messaging Channel (TMC) while the luxurious KX-3 model also has the panoramic sunroof, Xenon adaptive front lighting with automatic levelling, an eight-way power-adjustable driver's seat and a four-way power-adjustable front passenger seat, ventilated front seats, heated outer rear seats, a heated steering wheel, a multi-function full colour display and the Flex-Steer.

The satellite navigation system is combined

with a 10-speaker premium audio system delivering 495 Watts of power. It includes a central speaker, external amplifier, sub-woofer and an 11-channel DSP amplifier for maximum surround-sound quality.

Every Sorento has anti-lock brakes (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Electronic Stability Control (ESC) featuring Downhill Brake Control (DBC) and Vehicle Stability Management (VSM). There is also Hill-start Assist Control (HAC) to prevent wheel-spin or roll-back when setting off on steep or slippery up slopes.

Six airbags (twin front, side and side curtains) are standard, as are active front headrests that prevent or minimise whiplash injuries should the Sorento be hit from behind. There are also front seatbelt pre-tensioners and load limiters.

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# Mazda3 is at heart of show exhibition

The all-new Mazda3 is the star attraction of the marque's exhibition at this week's Frankfurt International Motor Show. Although it won't go on sale in the UK until January 2014, the all-new Mazda3 has already attracted high praise from motoring media and is currently proving itself on the road during an extreme 9,300-mile 'Mazda Route3 Hiroshima-Frankfurt Challenger Tour 2013' endurance test from Japan to Germany.

The new model's standard equipment redefines the word 'generous' for a car in the C-segment class. Mazda's brand new connectivity concept makes the company's all-time global best-selling model one of the first in Europe to take occupants online.

## Array

Building on existing email, text and navigation features, the system safely brings an array of free mobile online content into the vehicle, including Facebook and Twitter audio feeds as well as Aha, with tens of thousands of cloud-based stations.

Like the first two models of Mazda's inspired new generation, the Mazda CX-5 compact SUV and Mazda6, the all-new Mazda3 is equipped with SKYACTIV technology and features the brand's award-winning KODO design language. Adapted for the Mazda3's sporty compact physique, the KODO philosophy results in an exterior that unites a bold, powerful stance expressing pent-up energy with superior build quality.



The all-new Mazda3 is offered in two bodystyles – hatchback and fastback

Hatchback or fastback, the new shapes also save fuel – thanks to a very aerodynamically 'clean' design, boasting among the best aerodynamics on the market.

Inside the cabin, Mazda's brand new interior offers safe, ergonomic comfort. Larger than the outgoing model in most respects, the all-new Mazda3 also gets an optimised Human-Machine Interface (HMI). Highlights of the HMI include the Active Driving Display, Mazda's new head-up display, another rarity in this class, and a new design of rotary commander enabling a safe operation of infotainment functions.

A high-mileage example of the all-new

Mazda3 will also be displayed on stage at the show, after driving directly from the factory at Hiroshima in Japan. It will be one of eight Mazda3 hatchbacks to have completed the 'Mazda Route3 Hiroshima-Frankfurt Challenger Tour 2013' across Russia, Belarus and Poland. Other tour cars, which are scheduled to arrive in Frankfurt just in time for the motor show, will be exhibited in an outdoor area of the show grounds.

When the all-new Mazda3 goes on sale in the UK in January 2014, the model line-up will once again include two bodystyles – hatchback and fastback. The two styles share the enlarged 2,700mm wheelbase –

the longest in the C-segment. Both bodystyles are 40mm wider and 15mm lower than the current model, while the fastback's boot design extends the overall length by 120mm to 4,580mm – compared to 4,460mm for the hatchback.

Despite performance-enhancing changes that normally add weight the all-new Mazda3 is lighter than the current model.

All-new Mazda3 is going to deliver some remarkable fuel economy and emissions figures. British buyers will be offered a choice of three naturally-aspirated petrol powerplants and one turbocharged diesel – all fitted with i-stop, Mazda's idle-stop system, as standard.

The 100ps SKYACTIV-G 1.5-litre is a brand new, exceptionally frugal petrol engine, delivering up to 55.4mpg (combined cycle), with CO2 emissions from 119g/km (hatchback).

## First-rate

The SKYACTIV-G 2.0-litre will be available in standard (120ps) and high power (165ps) versions. The standard power engine combines first-rate fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions – 55.4mpg and 119g/km (manual) and 50.4mpg and 128g/km (automatic). For the high power engine, fuel consumption (48.7mpg) and CO2 emissions (135g/km) are very respectable for such performance.

The 150ps SKYACTIV-D 2.2-litre clean diesel will deliver an unprecedented combination of excellent fuel economy and responsive dynamics, while significantly reducing nitrogen oxide and soot emissions. High performance, with 380Nm of torque at 1,800rpm, is combined with fuel economy and CO2 emissions up to 72.4mpg and from just 104g/km.

## Leading on safety



The all-new Mazda6 received a five-star safety rating

The latest Mazda6 is officially one of the safest cars on the road in Britain after receiving a five-star safety rating in the latest Euro NCAP tests, the highest rating possible. The result endorses Mazda's strategy of enhancing the safety of all its new vehicles by introducing such innovations as the impact-absorbing SKYACTIV-Body technology.

Both the Mazda6 saloon and tourer scored top marks in all four Euro NCAP categories after undergoing several crash tests. The scores achieved by the all-new Mazda6 were adult occupant protection (92 per cent), child occupant protection (77 per cent), and safety assist systems (81 per cent) – comfortably above the 80 per cent, 60 per cent and 65 per cent thresholds in these categories required to collect a 5-Star rating overall. The Mazda6 also scored 66 per cent for pedestrian safety, one of the best marks in Europe among vehicles tested this year.

## Lighter

"While the Mazda6 is more powerful and more fuel efficient than ever before, thanks to its SKYACTIV technology, it is also lighter and stronger, featuring ultra-high tensile steel and other innovations which reinforce the body's structures and its passive safety performance. This is underpinned by our range of driver-supporting active safety technology which helps prevent accidents in the first place and reduce their severity should one be unavoidable," said Jeremy Thomson, managing director, Mazda UK.

All-new Mazda6 is the fourth Mazda to have earned a five-star rating from Euro NCAP under the stringent new scoring system introduced in 2009, joining the previous generation Mazda6, the current Mazda3 and the new Mazda CX-5. The all-new Mazda6 is well-prepared for the future.

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Deals on wheels – the Alfa Romeo MiTo is available with a £2,000 deposit contribution

## Alfa offers attractive deal for new models

Alfa Romeo has marked the arrival of the new 63-plate this month with an attractive sales event, giving buyers an additional £500 deposit contribution towards any new Alfa Romeo, which is over and above all existing retail offers. The saving is available between 9 and 23 September and is valid on all Alfa MiTo and Giulietta models.

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Buyers of the chic yet practical Alfa Giulietta range can save even more on one of the safest and most elegant five-door hatchbacks in the market.

For example, the Alfa Giulietta 1.4 TB 120 bhp Turismo including Ghiaccio White Special Paint (priced at £490) can be purchased with a £1,750 Alfa Romeo Deposit Contribution, monthly payments of £199, 0 per cent APR and three-years unlimited Alfa Romeo Warranty.

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## BMW's bright spark takes a bow at show

BMW's i3, the first premium segment car in the world designed from the ground up to be powered by an electric drive system, is on show this week at the 65th International Motor Show in Frankfurt.

The revolutionary BMW i3 is eligible for the UK Government's Plug-in Car Grant, helping to make the first zero-emission vehicle in the premium car segment an affordable, as well as a technologically and environmentally attractive, proposition for customers.

The electric motor generates an output of 170hp, with peak torque of 250Nm on demand instantly. This allows the BMW i3 to sprint from zero to 37mph in a mere 3.7 seconds and zero to 62mph in just 7.2 seconds, while the lithium-ion battery gives a range of 80 – 100 miles in everyday driving. This rises by approximately 15 per cent in ECO PRO mode and by the same again in ECO PRO+ mode.

Since 2009, BMW has conducted research on a global scale with the MINI E and BMW Active E programmes. A UK government report has established that the average commute is 13.1 miles each way.

For customers particularly conscious of 'range anxiety', the BMW i3 is also available with a range extender engine, powering a generator to maintain the charge of the lithium-ion battery at a constant level while on the move. This is performed by a 650cc two-cylinder four-stroke petrol engine developing 34hp and mounted immediately next to the electric motor above the rear axle. The range extender increases the car's maximum range in day-to-day driving to



Electric warrior – the BMW i3 can race to 62mph in 7.2 seconds

around 180 miles on one tank of fuel. The BMW i3 Range Extender costs £28,830 OTR.

Both BMW i3 models include a three-year, unlimited mileage vehicle warranty and an eight-year, 100,000 mile battery warranty. The battery is also included in the price of the car, negating a separate lease charge for the battery.

The price for the BMW i3 starts at £25,680 and £28,830 for the Range Extender. However, leasing is expected to be favoured by customers and the monthly rates are highly competitive. Starting at £369p/m for a 36-month contract and rising to £480p/m for an i3 Range Extender in Suite, the BMW i3 is a compelling package.

The BMW i3 is eligible for a number of government-backed grants and tax breaks due to its zero emissions powertrain. In addition to the 'Plug-in' grant that reduces the OTR cost of the vehicle by £5,000, both versions of the BMW i3 also benefit from a zero road fund

licence charge and are exempt from the London Congestion Charge. The BMW i3 comes as standard in the UK with AC Fast Charging which sees a 7.4kW charge power up the BMW i3 from zero to 80 per cent within three hours. This can be performed by the optional BMW i Wallbox. The exclusive Wallbox has been created to give customers a comprehensive and premium sustainable mobility experience.

Occasional charging can also be performed using a pre-supplied cable, fitting a standard household socket at 2.4kW, when 32 Amp AC Fast Charging is not available. Charging this way takes eight to 10 hours. DC Rapid Charging is the third and final option available to owners and allows a BMW i3 to get an 80 per cent charge in just 30 minutes to one hour. It uses a 50kW connection to do this and is suited to public charging locations where available.

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†Test drive is subject to applicant status and availability.



# There's now a choice with Skoda Yeti compact SUV

From one Yeti comes two. For the first time ever, the Czech compact SUV will be available in two variants: as the elegant and stylish Skoda Yeti for the town, and an adventurous off-road Skoda Yeti.

Both design variations feature a new front and rear, new alloy wheels, fresh interiors, the highest functionality and extended engine/gear combinations. Both new models are being unveiled at the Frankfurt Motor Show this week and by the end of 2013, both new Yeti variants will have been launched on the first markets.

A special highlight is the first-time offer of two individual design ranges: Skoda's compact SUV is now available in an elegant, stylish city look as well as an off-road look for trips in the country. A significant differentiation: the front and rear elements, such as bumpers, underbody guard, side mouldings and door sills are either in the body colour or, as with the Skoda Yeti outdoor version, remain in black plastic.

## Accentuated

The new fronts of both vehicles are now horizontally more accentuated and feature a distinctive grille and redesigned headlights, available as an option for the first time with Bi-Xenon headlights with integrated LED daytime running lights. In keeping with Skoda's new design language, the front headlights are now rectangular and located further under the front bumpers.

The Yeti's new rear has got a new layout. This includes a new form of tailgate with distinctive tail lights now in even more precise moulded C-Design, optionally available with LEDs, and, in line with the new Skoda look, two cubist triangular elements alongside the new Skoda logo.

The wheel range has been expanded with four newly designed, attractive alloy designs. There is now a wider selection of colours available, including four new metallic finishes – 'Moon-White', 'Jungle-Green', 'Metal-Grey' and 'Magnetic-Brown'. The latter is a Yeti L&K exclusive.



*The new Skoda Yeti has been given a fresh, new interior*

The new Yeti models have an all-new fresh interior – with new three-spoke steering wheels in seven variations, new fabrics and patterns for the seat covers as well as new decorative trims on the dashboard.

The Yeti is the brand's first model with Optical Parking Assistant, an optional rear-view camera, and it has also received four clever new solutions – the double-sided floor covering in the boot is new. There is also a detachable LED light in the boot, the vest holder under the driver's seat and the waste container in the side door of the Yeti.

One highlight is, and remains, the Skoda Yeti's VarioFlex rear seat system, offering unique interior versatility. The three rear seats can be individually folded or removed. The outer seats can be shifted across with the middle seat removed. In an

instant, the Yeti is transformed from a five to a four-seater, making more space for the rear passengers.

Generous space is once again confirmed in the Yeti. In no other compact SUV do the rear passengers have as much headroom – 1,027 millimetres. The boot capacity is at least 405 litres. Taking all the rear seats out increases the volume to a fantastic 1,760 litres.

There is a selection of four diesel and three petrol engines for the new Yeti – all turbocharged and with direct injection. The ranges start from the 1.2 TSI with 77 kW and 105hp to the 2.0 TDI with 125kW/170 hp. The fifth generation front or all-wheel drive with Haldex coupling is fitted depending on the engine specs. With an automatic transmission, the Yeti exclusively uses the modern six or seven-speed dual clutch transmission.



*The Yeti now offers a choice of four diesel and three petrol engines*

The GreenLine version 1.6 TDI/77kW, with front wheel drive and a manual gearbox, produces CO2 emissions of just 119g/km. That corresponds to a consumption of 4.6 litres of diesel per 100km (61mpg). Additionally, there are three Green tec engine variants: the 1.4 TSI/90kW, 2.0 TDI/103kW with manual six-speed gearbox, and 1.6 TDI/77kW with seven-speed DSG. The Green tec package includes the Start-Stop system, brake energy recovery and low rolling-resistance tyres.

There is an even larger selection of engine/transmission combinations. The diesel engine 2.0 TDI with 125kW is available with the fantastic combination of all-wheel drive and automatic six-speed dual-clutch transmission. The front-wheel drive Yeti 1.6 TDI 77kW is now to get an automatic seven-speed dual-clutch transmission.

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Funeral at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday, September 13, at 11.30am.

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**CLARK Elsie**  
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Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium, on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 1pm.

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## JONES

Barbara Olive

(Bobby)

On September 2, 2013, peacefully at Meadowbrook Care Home, Gobowen. Barbara, aged 98 years, formerly of Rockwell Lane, Pant and Holmleigh, Baschurch. Dearly loved Wife of the late Richard (Jim), Mother to Douglas, Gillian (Shine) and the late Grace, Mother-in-law to Les, George and the late Rosemary, Grandmother of Douglas, Duncan, Debbie and David and a Great-Grandmother and Great-Great-Grandmother.

Grateful thanks are extended to all at Meadowbrook for the care shown to Barbara.

The Funeral Service will take place in Knockin Heath Chapel, near Knockin on Friday, September 13, at 1.45pm, followed by Interment in Knockin Heath Chapel Cemetery.

Family flowers only please, however your very kind donations will assist the Meadowbrook Residents Comforts Fund.

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## MANNA

Julia Ann

nee Hodges

Of 'Quo Vadis', Llanymynech, formerly of Middletown. Passed away at the Meadow Hospice on August 30, 2013, aged 69 years.

Funeral Service at St Agatha's Church, Llanymynech on Friday, September 13, at 4pm.

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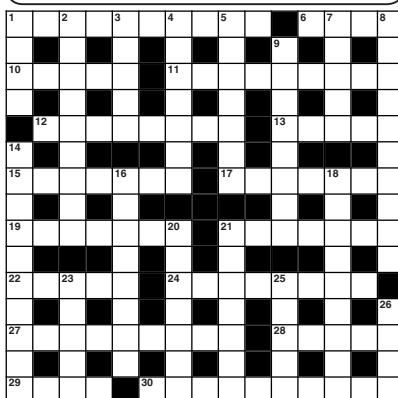
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## ACROSS

- 1 Of all the trees, only the ashes will be left after this (6,4)
- 6 Posh sort of business (4)
- 10 Going with some hesitation to tender (5)
- 11 Early leaf of nominal importance (5,4)
- 12 Keep making jam (8)
- 13 Decrease in newspapers (5)
- 15 They may be responsible for reports from the front (7)
- 17 Receives and deceives (5,2)
- 19 Mountain woman who was tempted to take things easy (7)
- 21 A fabulous horseman (7)
- 22 Come together in an emergency (5)
- 24 Take care if it changes - it's a trick (8)
- 27 Cash a cheque and I get a note in exchange (9)
- 28 Vital statistical centre (5)
- 29 Season or sea son? (4)
- 30 Drama put right after direction from the author? (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Infantry base (4)
- 2 Respect shown in a testimonial (9)
- 3 In the streets see alternative groups (5)
- 4 They're bought and sold but not as presents (7)
- 5 Go back to the nunnery (7)
- 7 A swell in the avenue (5)
- 8 Requests put with an attempt at jocularity (10)
- 9 Is said to be ordered in advance (8)
- 14 Mere agents might make them (10)
- 16 Weather men caught in a flurry of sleet (8)
- 18 Looking for loose change sir? (9)
- 20 A number walk wearily around - it's hard work (7)
- 21 It has its place in the canteen (7)
- 23 Kingsize is unusually large (5)
- 25 We infer a reduction in numbers (5)
- 26 Let it be one sort of square in another (4)

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Down: 1 Sportive, 2 Recourse, 3 Iris, 5 Short journey, 6 Raft, 7 Bellow, 8 Debate, 11 Army hospital, 15 Abbot, 16 Perch, 18 Departed, 19 Generous, 21 Tariff, 22 Cinema, 26 Clip, 27 Fair.



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in brief

**Appeal for clever clogs to aid charity**

A QUIZ will be held on September 21 as part of an Oswestry church's fundraising efforts for Christian Aid week.

QuizAid 2013 will be held at St Oswald's Church parish centre in Church Street at 7pm and will be suitable for all ages.

It is being held as part of a national event which will see thousands of people taking part in quizzes for Christian Aid across the country during September.

Teams of up to six people are allowed and entry is £1 each.

Participants can come as a team or find other people to play with on the night.

**Farmers warned on sheep rustling**

LIVESTOCK farmers across Shropshire have been warned to be vigilant after it was revealed the area has some of the highest sheep rustling figures in the country.

Farmers have lost more than 3,600 sheep – worth more than £250,000 – to thieves and the number of rustlings is increasing.

A follow-on effect of the rustling could be a risk to public health.

**Church challenge**

MEMBERS of Whittington Church will be taking part in a ride and stride event on Saturday, visiting as many churches in the area as they can.

# CAMRA objects to plans for homes on pub site

**CAMRA is objecting to plans to demolish a village pub in a village near Oswestry and build a dozen homes on the site.**

Regulars of the Penrhos Arms in Whittington have already aired their opposition to the plan and now the real ale campaigners have joined the fight.

CAMRA has added its objections, saying the plans will result in the "permanent loss of a local amenity to a community where this facility would be considered important to social and economic vitality".

The plans for the pub, parts of which date back to the early 19th century, have been submitted to Shropshire Council by Shrewsbury firm Milford Investments.

A design and access statement lodged in support of the bid said developers met parish councillors in April to discuss the plans and then returned to the parish council to outline their revised plans.

The statement said a number of customers of the pub were also in attendance who made it clear that they didn't want to lose their pub.

Since that meeting, an objection has been lodged by the Shrewsbury and West Shropshire Branch of CAMRA.

The group's pubs preservation officer Tim Hockenull says in the objection: "We wish to object to the pro-

posal which will lead to the total loss of this public house.

"In general terms we share the deep national concern that now exists about the loss of public houses and, indeed, about the survival of the British pub as an institution and a social asset."

"In particular as regards this public house it is the only pub in the community which is of a different type, ie it is not essentially a restaurant."

"The proposed development if granted will result in the permanent loss of a local amenity to a community where this facility would be considered important to social and economic vitality, and to a high quality of life."

Correspondence has also been received over the plans from Whittington Parish Council.

The council says it is giving a neutral view.

Shropshire Council hopes to make a decision on the application by October 17.

by Iain St John

## Kevin gains apprenticeship in tree logging



Kevin Taylor with Barbara Haddrill and Kate Mobbs-Morgan and their horses.

AN apprenticeship that will see Kevin Taylor and working horse Billy working in forests and on land the length and breadth of Wales has been launched.

Based at Carnog Working Horses in Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry, Kevin will learn how to work with horses for tree logging over the next three years.

The British Horse Loggers Charitable Trust appointed Kevin thanks to funding from National Resources Wales. He has been placed with two experienced horseloggers Barbara Haddrill, from Carnog, and Kate Mobbs-Morgan, from Rowan Working Horses, in Monmouth.

Kevin spent 23 years in the RAF before setting up his tree surgery and

hedge-laying business, Shire X Logging, in January.

Barbara and Kate work on sites varying from managing small woodlands with limited infrastructure and steep or difficult terrain or alongside other machine operators, to maximise efficiency for forest owners. Kevin said: "It is a wonderful opportunity to learn a traditional countryside skill."

## Hospices set to get tractor pull cash

ORGANISERS of a tractor pull hope to raise as much as £10,000 for two county charities.

Tractors from throughout the area as well as 10 high performance vehicles from Devon are expected to attend the event at Shottatton Farm near Oswestry on Saturday and Sunday.

Proceeds from the event will go to Hope House Children's Hospice in Morda near Oswestry and the Severn Hospice.

Organisers Mike and Angela McKenna said this year's event was shaping up to be even bigger than last.

Mr McKenna said: "First held last year, this event was so successful that tractors will be coming from all over the area to compete at Shottatton to raise funds for Hope House and the Severn Hospice."

"We had about 900 people at the first one last year over the two days and raised about £6,500."

"We split that down the middle and the funding was shared between Hope House and Macmillan Cancer. This year we are looking to get up to about £10,000."

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## Security warning as thefts increase

A TOP police inspector in Mid Wales has said rural burglaries are an "emerging trend" in the area after a number of raids in recent weeks.

Detective Inspector Diane Davies of Dyfed-Powys Police said the burglaries were having an impact on the community.

DI Davies warned people to be on guard and to take steps to increase security at homes in rural locations.

She said: "Make sure your house or flat is secure. Always secure outside doors. If you have to use a key, keep it nearby in a safe place, but not near the doors or in the locks.

"Keep your door closed and use a spy hole, chain and locks.

"Look after your door frames, keep them strong. If other people such as previous tenants could still have keys that fit, change the locks. Don't give keys to workmen or tradesmen, as they can easily make copies.

"Draw your curtains after dark, use exterior lighting and label your property."

## Bookshop AGM

OSWESTRY Christian Bookshop will be holding its AGM at Holy Trinity Church, Roft Street, on September 17 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.

## Metal expert Clive amazed by Uri's spoon bending skill

AN OSWESTRY businessman, who has been involved in the metalwork industry for more than 30 years, says he was left "amazed" by the spoon-bending and psychic gifts of TV celebrity Uri Geller.

Clive Knowles's British Ironwork Centre in Oswestry has been commissioned to create new lighting features for the driveway and garden of the star's luxurious mansion on the banks of the River Thames.

Mr Knowles said he visited Mr Geller's home after the celebrity contacted the firm to inquire about what features they were able to produce for his property.

For a joke, Mr Knowles took with him a curved lamp post as a sample of some of the top of the range metal work the firm does at its Aston base.

Mr Knowles said the joke went down a treat with Mr Geller who was happy to have his picture taken with the lamp post.

And Mr Knowles said he was astonished when Mr Geller demonstrated some of his mind-bending skills.

## Samples

He said: "Uri Geller called us wanting to know if we could help him with his remodelling of his driveway and garden at his wonderful home in the south of England.

"I went down there to go over some ideas and took some samples with me, including the lamp post which I bent for a joke.

"Uri Geller was great and took the joke in good spirit and in fact has now signed it and has sent it back to us.

"We will be displaying it either in our showroom or in our new cafe.

"During my visit he bent a spoon right in front of me.

"I have been involved in metalwork for about 30 years and I have never seen anything like it.

"I wish I could give a physics-based explanation for it but I simply can't.

"I have known him how he did it. It was still curving as he handed it to me and I took it home back to Shropshire to show the family and the staff."

by Iain St John

Mr Geller's puzzling skills did not stop there, Mr Knowles said.

He said: "We are planning to have an open day next year.

"I didn't mention that to Uri, all I said was I wondered if he could help me with something.

"Straight away he said he knew what I was going to ask and he said I wanted him to be at the open day.

"I was amazed and I don't know how he knew."

Mr Knowles said the firm was also looking to create some kind of statue for the celebrity's garden, which overlooks the Thames.

He said: "I am thinking that perhaps we can construct something with bent spoons, either a gorilla or a giraffe, something Uri Geller would like."

Mr Knowles added that the star had agreed to come to the open day and final arrangements were still to be made on the date of the event.

He said: "I think it will be great for the Shropshire public to have a chance to meet him.

"He knows and is friend with huge stars, celebrities, presidents. He truly is an amazing person and we are delighted to be working with him."



Clive Knowles shows Uri Geller the bent lamp post he has created.

## Rebecca to shave off hair for charity

A 28-YEAR-OLD mum-of-one from Oswestry is preparing to brave the autumn wind and rain and shave her hair off for charity.

Rebecca Willmott is hoping to raise £1,000 for Mind by shaving off her 18in long hair.

She said: "With so many people suffering with mental health issues at some point in their life, I think it's important to raise awareness. I think Mind is an excellent charity.

"I've raised about £120 so far, and the staff at Checkers hair salon in Cabin Lane have agreed to do the shave for me.

"Everyone's been so supportive. I'm a bit nervous but it's for a brilliant cause so I'm hoping people will give generously."

Rebecca, who lives in College Road, will be having the snip on September 14 at 4pm.

To sponsor her, visit [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RebeccaWillmott](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RebeccaWillmott)

## Merger talks

THE AGM of Home-Start North Shropshire and Oswestry will be held on September 16 at Calverhall Cricket Pavilion, near Whitchurch, at noon. A possible merger with Home-Start Shropshire is on the agenda.

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## NEWS

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## 999 chiefs in appeal for more volunteers

AMBULANCE chiefs are appealing for more volunteers from the Welshpool area to be trained up to respond to medical emergencies in Powys.

The Welsh Ambulance Service said it wanted more Community First Responders (CFRs) throughout the county.

There are currently more than 100 CFR teams in Wales. All volunteers will be trained by the ambulance service to administer basic first aid, oxygen therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator.

Steve Roberts, first responder officer at the Welsh Ambulance Service, said: "Many of our volunteers have taken experiences that life has thrown at them, such as seeing a loved one suffer a heart attack, and have moulded them into a positive outlook to help family, friends and neighbours."

"The faster life support skills get to a patient facing a life threatening scenario the better their outlook is, a prognosis all our Community First Responders are ready and willing to support."

Prospective CFRs volunteers are invited to visit the Welsh Ambulance Service website or email [amb.first.responder.central@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:amb.first.responder.central@wales.nhs.uk) for an application pack.

## Jen scoops new business as ice cream seller despite MS

**WHEN multiple sclerosis forced Jen Beckett to give up work she decided to go into business for herself – and now has a company that is going from strength to strength.**

Jen, from Oswestry, was diagnosed with MS, a neurological condition where the body's immune system attacks its own tissue, when she was just 24.

She was later forced to give up her job in retail and did not know what the future held.

But that all changed after a chance encounter with the owner of an ice cream tricycle business in Oswestry's Cae Glas Park.

Jen, now 33, and her husband Adam struck up a conversation with the vendor and learned that he was about to go away to university and could no longer run the business.

In March this year, Scoopalicious was born – and five months later Jen is taking bookings for weddings and events all over the area.

Jen said: "My MS didn't deter me from pursuing my business. In fact it spurred me on as I felt that it was something I could really do and I didn't want to let my symptoms stop me."

"Adam was behind me every step of the way with developing the business, and helps me whenever I need him as he is able to work from home."

"Already we're experienc-

by Iain St John

ing success – one hot day in July we served almost 300 people within four hours.

"Since starting the business, I can honestly say I've never felt so happy."

"I want other young people with MS to know that a diagnosis doesn't mean they can't pursue their ambitions."

"When I was diagnosed, I went through my fair share of stress and upset, worrying and wondering about what kind of future lay ahead of me. I decided I wanted the best life possible, and I am so glad I started my business – it has given me a new lease of life."

"I just love having the business because it is flexible and I can do it."

"It is not just selling the park that we do, we have done theme nights, weddings, other events. It is great really."

For more information about Scoopalicious go to [www.scoopalicious.co.uk](http://www.scoopalicious.co.uk)



Jen Beckett, from Oswestry, who suffers from MS. Her business has gone from strength to strength.

## Historic forge to open for weekend

A FORGE in Ellesmere which was once the workplace of Thomas Telford will be opened to the public this weekend as part of a heritage day and festival.

The Canal and River Trust will be relighting the forge within the historic waterway yard in Ellesmere on September 14 and 15.

It is part of this year's Heritage Open Days and Ellesmere Festival and visitors will be able to see inside some of the workshops and go on a 'behind the scenes' guided tour. Much of the waterway yard is Grade II listed and the Canal and River Trust is working on a renovation project which has already seen the historic forge brought back into working order.

Enterprise manager Sarah Lallieu said: "It was really important to us to get the forge working again and filled with the sounds, sights and smells of a working smithy, rather than just keep it as a museum piece preserved in aspic."

The yard will be open from 10am to 3pm on the Saturday and from 11am to 3pm on the Sunday.

Tours of the site need to be pre-booked by contacting the North Wales and Borders Waterway office on 03030 404040 or by e-mailing [enquiries.northwales-borders@canalrivertrust.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.northwales-borders@canalrivertrust.org.uk)

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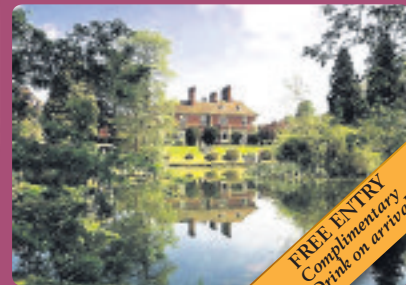
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## NOSTALGIA &amp; NEWS

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## Golf day will help support college

THE Friends of the Derwen group which supports the Derwen College in Gobowen will be holding a charity golf day.

The event is at Henlle Park Golf Club on September 27. Teams of four players are welcome and there will be team prizes to compete for as well as a Nearest the Pin prize for amateurs on the par three eighth hole, with £499 golf equipment from the club shop to be won.

Students from Derwen's catering and housekeeping and hospitality departments will be involved on the day. They will be running a refreshments marquee at the eighth hole and they will be involved in the preparation and serving of lunch in the clubhouse.

The Friends of the Derwen is a fundraising group which sponsors many student activities throughout the college year.

It also finances major projects and the main target this year is the purchase of a new minibus. Specially adapted vehicles enable people who use wheelchairs to access a rich variety of educational trips and fun leisure activities.

The entrance fee for the Rees Astley Ltd sponsored golf day is £140 per team of four and includes a meal.

Entry forms from Derwen College on 01691 661234.

## Talented Topham brothers



Bertie Topham, who won two England caps and helped Wolves to an FA Cup win.



Arthur George Topham played for the England team in an international with his brother.



The Wolves side of 1893. Bertie is thought to be seated, far left.



Bertie with one of the cups.

**OSWESTRY has forged some of Britain's great sportsmen and women, but has there ever been a local footballing story to match that of the Topham brothers?**

Their exploits are way beyond the memory of any living person. These brothers both played for England in the same international in 1894, and one of them was part of an FA Cup-winning side.

As it happens, Robert Topham and Arthur George Topham are ancestors of Diana Flint, the High Sheriff of Shropshire. "Arthur George Topham is my father's father, therefore my paternal grandfather. Robert, who was known as Bertie, was my great uncle," she says.

Both were footballers in Victorian days when the game was a world away from the untold riches and attention which today's footballers enjoy. Thanks to information

and cuttings Diana has sent us, we can piece together at least some of the story of these two former Oswestry School lads.

A newspaper article on his career dating from 1894 says "like most of the best half-backs, Topham is not remarkably tall, but also like them, he is well-built, sturdy, and active."

He played for Oswestry School for four or five seasons, and was captain in the 1886/87 season, playing at that time as a full-back. At Oxford University, he played regularly for his college, and ultimately represented the university itself. He joined the Casuals in 1889 and in 1894 represented England in an international against Wales at Wrexham. It was his only England appearance, and his

brother Bertie also played in that game in his second and final England appearance. Arthur died on May 18, 1931.

Bertie, too, was born at Ellesmere, and was the older brother by two years. For information about him, we can tap into a portrait dated January 2, 1895.

"Topham came conspicuously into public notice in 1892 and 1893 when he assisted the Wolverhampton Wanderers in a most successful campaign. It is not often that an amateur player possesses the qualifications which are valued by professional teams, but Topham's consistently brilliant form was undeniable and he gained a very large share of the glory which fell to his club," it said.

"He had learned his football at Oswestry School and during that time was chosen to play for Wales against Scotland as centre forward, but was unable to accept the invitation. At Keble College, Oxford, he was an all-round sportsman.

"While teaching near Wolverhampton he played for Wolverhampton Wanderers, first as centre forward and later as outside right "and in this position he ultimately found his true place... He scored many goals with an irresistible shot from the corner which is peculiarly his own, the ball coming with great velocity and curving considerably in the air."

The 1893 FA Cup final resulted in a 1-0 win for Wolves over Everton who called, unsuccessfully for the match to be replayed on the grounds the huge crowd at Fallowfield Stadium, Manchester, had impeded play. Attendance was officially put at 45,000 but estimates suggested 60,000 were crammed in. Strangely, the portrait makes no mention of the two England caps he gained in 1893/94. Bertie died in August 1931.

Does anybody know what the Topham brothers did in their post-football careers? Drop us a line if you can shed any light.

## Tourism students take trip to capital

STUDENTS from an Oswestry college enjoyed a "Wicked" trip to London as part of their travel and tourism extended diploma.

The 12 BTEC students from Walford and North Shropshire College took part in a five-day residential visit to London, where they took a night time bus-tour of the capital, spent an afternoon exploring Camden Market, paid a visit to Madame Tussauds, and spent a day in London Zoo.

The first-year students researched and organised the trip themselves, and also booked the group in to see two West End Shows - including Wicked.

Lucy Jones, 17, from Nantmawr, said: "It was a great experience. It feels really good to know that we organised all that ourselves. Also, Wicked is a must see!"

Lecturer Louise Gregory, who accompanied the students on their trip, said: "These visits are an essential part of the travel and tourism course and allow students to gain valuable experience outside the classroom."

"In their second year they will have to plan and manage their own travel and tourism related event where they will make use of what they have learned during this experience."

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Staff at the former Oswestry based Insulation Equipment factory pose for the camera.



Pupils from Form 1H pose for the camera at Oswestry's Fitzalan School in 1982 in a picture submitted by Dave Roberts.



This was taken in 1957 at a garden party at the big black and white house down Victoria Road, Oswestry before the bungalow was built.



Oswestry fire team won this cup at Stone near Stafford in 1947. Back left to right ?? Roberts, Ted Davies, Jack Shenton, front AN Other, Jack Jones and Jack Evans.

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## THE ARTS

# Take a trip down memory lane at town library event



Heather Rodenhurst gets set for the Oswestry & Beyond event to be held at the town's library.

**VISITORS to Oswestry Library can take a trip down memory lane as part of the town's heritage weekend.**

Library staff have been digging out old photographs, maps and documents to form a one-off weekend of events – called "Oswestry & Beyond" – on the history of Oswestry.

Derek Williams from Oswestry Library said: "The event will take place today (Thursday) from 10am until noon.

"Anyone can come in and look at old

**by Pam Griffin**

photos, maps and documents about the town and its history.

"In the evening we will be holding a talk on the literary history of the town at 7.30pm. The talk will be looking at local authors from Wilfred Owen and Barbara Pym to William Archibald Spooner and Mary Hignett.

"On Friday, September 13, we will have a special event for children from 4.30pm. We'll have lots of items that they can pick up and examine while

they learn a bit about the history of the town. The session will be suitable for children ages eight and over."

Events will continue over the weekend with a talk on the Civil War and a meeting of the local family history group on the Saturday.

All the events are free, but anyone interested in attending is asked to book a place by calling the library on (01691) 677388 or emailing [oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:oswestry.library@shropshire.gov.uk)

The events are part of a wider programme which will cover the whole town and outlying villages.

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## GIG GUIDE

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# Celebrated Loach film is focus on post war Britain

## GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts



**FILM** buffs have something to look forward to this week as Kinokulture will be holding two free film screenings as part of The Oswestry and Beyond National Heritage event.

Keeping with the theme of national heritage the first screening will be Ken Loach's celebrated documentary *The Spirit of 45*, which will be shown at The Centre, Oak St on Saturday.

Centred around Britain in 1945, the documentary takes a close look at how people coped in the aftermath of the Second World War.

Made up of various news footage interviews and sound recordings, Loach paints an intriguing picture of post war Britain. The screening begins at 4pm and is free.

The second screening takes place in the rather unique location of the Hoffman Kiln at the Llanymynech Heritage Area on Sunday.

For this screening Kinokulture will be showing three classic Charlie Chaplin comedies.

The silent films – *A Dog's Life* (1918), *Shoulder Arms* (1918) and *The Pilgrim* (1923) are fully restored and will be played together to make a full feature length film along with music by Chaplin. The screening begins at 4.30pm and is free.

Don't worry music fans there is still enough on this week to keep you



Ken Loach's celebrated documentary *The Spirit of 45* will be shown in Oswestry on Saturday.

entertained. Talented guitarist and singer Chris Dumville will be playing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton on Friday night. Armed with a guitar and harmonica Chris plays a mixture of blues, folk and r'n'b. The gig starts at 8pm and is free.

Welsh acoustic trio Nos Da will be playing at the Royal Oak Welshpool on Friday night. You can expect original material along with a few classic covers. It starts at 9pm and is free.

Local band The Dutch Rudders will be performing at The Ironworks on Saturday night. Known for their sense of humour and unique sound the band will have you laughing and tapping your feet. There will be support from

Moana. It starts at 9pm and is free. Mel Charles will be performing classic songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s live in the beer garden at The Raven Inn, Welshpool on Saturday at 3.30pm.

As always the Ironworks will be holding its own open mic night, Lime-light, on Tuesday. If you haven't been along, Lime-light lets you take to the stage whatever your talent. Resident host is Tom Stedman it starts at 9pm.

Finishing off the week is People's Vinyl Collective at The Ironworks. It's the event that lets you take over as DJ, just bring along five of your favourite vinyls. The night is hosted by Neil Phillips. It's free and starts at 9pm.

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**MARKETS & NEWS**

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**Welshpool livestock market**

WELSHPOOL Livestock Sales report on a fantastic auction at Buttington Cross Welshpool on Monday, September 9.

**OTMS (73)**

With 10 keen buyers around the sale ring this week, a large entry of over 30-month cattle sold to average 140.06ppkg for the older cows, under 48-month heifers sold to 164.78ppkg, cows a 48-72 months sold to an average of 147.26ppkg, and a bull at 72 months or older sold to 134ppkg. A Charolais cow weighing 898kg from E H Pennie & Son, Gwyn-y-Ucha achieved the top market price of £1544.56; therefore Mr Pennie receives the Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day.

A Limousin cow weighing 740kg made £1198.80 from AA Collucci, Great Cloddiau. An older Charolais bull weighing 727kg made a total of £974.18 from G Rees, Tynewydd.

A Limousin heifer under 72 months weighed 809kg made £1496.65 from CV & EM Lewis, Buttington New Hall. An under 48-month Charolais heifer weighing 754kg made a total of £1575.86 from RA Owen, Tynewydd.

**FAT CATTLE (6)**  
Six top quality heifers at an average price of 233.92ppkg and topped at 263ppkg. A Limousin heifer weighing 607kg achieved a price of 263ppkg, presented by G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach. The Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for

the highest price pence per kilo goes to G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach. Others in the class achieved 260ppkg, which was a British Blue heifer weighing 515kg also brought to the sale from G Bound & Son, Cefn Bach.

**PRIME LAMBS (5692)**

An entry of 5692 prime lambs, achieving an average of 161.16ppkg.

**Super Lights (0)**  
Lights (475) to 169ppkg from TH Davies & Son, Clegyrddrwd. Others to 167ppkg from R Jones & Son, Dolwar Fach. Average of 155.11ppkg.

**Standards (1149)** to 176ppkg from S Lane, New Hall. Others to 171ppkg from NC Bowdler, Heath Farm. Average of 152.57ppkg.

**Mediums (2758)** to 191ppkg from W E G Evans, Llwynycwrth. Others to 188ppkg from DR Owen & Sons, Sandilands Farm. Average of 165.07ppkg.

**Heavies (1188)** to 176ppkg from EW Howells & Son, Oakwood. Others to 170ppkg from DR Owen & Son, Sandilands Farm. Average of 160.60ppkg.

**Over weights (122)** to 171ppkg from WK Davies, Offas Way. Other to 170ppkg from T & B Williams, Cilmaur. Av of 152.41ppkg.

**CULL EWE (3415)**  
There were a higher number of entries again this week seeing an average price of £40.51 for the ewes and £72.33 for the rams. Cull rams topped the sale this week with a price of £180 from W Jones, Glascoed; others reached £135 from G Griffiths, Brynycylla. Ewes achieved a

top price of £95 from G Griffiths, Brynycylla. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

**STORE EWES AND STORE LAMBS**

**Store Lambs:** An increased entry of 422 Store Lambs averaging £49 per head. Good headed Suffolk cross Theave lambs achieved the top price of £70 coming from AM Jones, Middle Farm, with mixed and clean lambs selling at a top price of £58 from D Jones, Vastre Farm. Heavy Texel tup lambs from EH Howells & Son, Oakwood sold at £68.

**Store Ewes:** An increased entry of 1403 breeding ewes AF Davies produced the top price of £139 for Suffolk yearling ewes with a top price of £133 for two year old Texel ewes coming from A Pryce.

A top price of £80 was achieved from TR & ME Watkin for full mouth ewes. EC & CE Owen, Fron produced 5/6 year old as found ewes which achieved a top price of £85. Next week store lambs being sold from 10.30am with breeding ewes at 11am followed by rams.

**DAIRY**  
An entry of eight dairy cattle sold to a top of £1910 for a Net-a-way heifer from WA & EM Morris, Maestanyglwden. A sound second calver giving 33kg of milk presented by RN Thompson sold for £1800. Two heifers from the same home sold for £1780 and £1700. Presented by Lewis Bros, Green Hall was a pedigree heifer which made £1770. A breakdown of all prices achieved were as follows:- 1800-2000 2

lots; 1600-1700 4 lots; 1400-1600 1 lot; <1400 1 lot.

**Forthcoming Sales**  
Wednesday 11th September, Welsh Mule Ewe Sale.

Thursday 12th September, Welsh Mule Ewe Lamb Sale.

Monday 16th September, Store Cattle and Cows and Calves.

Thursday 19th September, Cann Office Sheep Sale.

Saturday 21st September, Welsh Hill Speckled Face Rams.

Monday 23rd September, Dairy Cows.

Saturday 28th September, Yearling Ewes, Lleyn Sheep Society Sale, South-down Sheep Society Sale, Oxford Down Sheep Breeders Sale and Coloured and Native Breeds Sheep Sale.

Thursday 3rd October, Pedigree Ram Sale.

Monday 7th October, Multi breed, Non MV Accredited Rams

Wednesday 10th October, Welsh Mule Sheep (Ewes)

Thursday 11th October, Welsh Mule Sheep (Ewe Lambs)

Monday 14th October, Multi breed, MV Accredited Rams

Welshpool Machinery Sale, September 7

The machinery sale held at Welshpool Livestock Market proved popular with both purchasers and vendors with a wide variety of items for sale.

These included 8 Quad Bikes with a top price of £3,000 for an Arctic Cat Diesel Quad.

There was also a good choice of trailers with £2,300 being paid for a 12ft Ivor Williams Stock

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Vehicles for sale included a Massey Digger 220 which sold for £1,850, Case 1840 Skid Steer for £1,850, Super Dexta £1,450, McCormick International B275 £1,600 and a David Brown 990 £1,650.

**Oswestry cattle auctions****FAT CATTLE: (65)**

September 4  
A few less forward met a firm trade once again with only a handful of quality cattle forward.

An overall market average of 196.5p was achieved. Top slots hit 266p for Heifers 249p for Bulls and 212p for Steers. Highest price in the lump was £1447 for a Bull. Bottom book of 136p for a plain friesian bull.

If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the market office.

Young Bulls (38) Overall Average 190p.

Light Bulls (7) Average 166p (£725/head) Selling to 210p from N E & F Barratt Morton Hall Farm

Medium Bulls (15) Average 183p (£935/head) Selling to 249p from I M Willan Tymawr

Heavy Bulls (16) Average 203.5p (£1215/head) Selling to 234p from J H & S E Roberts & Sons Rolly

Steers (6) Overall Average 187.5p.

Medium Steers (3) Average 187.5p (£1015/head) Selling to 212p from E S & A J Gilman Birch Hall

Heavy Steers (3) Average 187.5p (£1095/head) Selling to 206p from H W Hughes Hammer House

Heifers (21) Overall Average 210.5p

Medium Heifers (6) Average 217.5p (£970/head) Selling to 250p from R W & J L Edwards Tyn Twll

Heavy Heifers (15) Average 208.5p (£1170/head) Selling to 266p from J H & S E Roberts & Sons Rolly

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**FAT LAMBS: (2992)**  
Lights to 168p average 160.5p, Standards to 175p average 161.5p, Mediums to 179p average 166.5p, Heavys to 181p average 165.5p, others to 168p average 158p. Overall average 164.5p.

**FAT EWES: (1521)**  
Another excellent entry of ewes forward met with a similar trade to that seen last week. The large selection of plain ewes in the mix meant that the overall average was £38 however meat ewes were still in demand with a top price of £84 going to a pen from Evans Bros, Rhiwlas. A small show of only 5 Rams was topped by a ram from D I Jones & Partners, Whittington which sold for £50.

Please Note: All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

**CALVES: (61)**  
Fractionally fewer forward but another good entry with 65 per cent freisians.

Improved demand for all classes with best freisians keenly contested. British Blue Bulls topping at £418 from Messrs Richards Porthgryn £350 from Messrs Hughes Grwnamlwg £300 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg £298 from Messrs Francis New Barns. Charolais Bulls to £350 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr. Limousin Bulls to £340 from Messrs Moore Oak Farm. Hereford Bulls to £292 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg.

British Blue Heifers to £238 from Messrs Cornes Cwmllwynog £226 from Messrs Jones Great Weston. Hereford Heifers to £166 from Messrs Roberts Pentre David. Limousin Heifers to £194 from Messrs Ellis Pen-tre-wern. Friesian Bulls to £165 & £108 from Messrs Griffiths Gerlan £155 £138 £125 & £112 from Messrs Williams Lightwood Hall £134 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr £130 £125 & £115 from Messrs Ellis Pentre-wern.

**U72 & CULL COWS: (43)**  
An entry of 43 cattle were again in very keen demand. Plain cows were even faster than last week as were the very best. Demand still remains very strong even though we are now into September.

Top price cow 157p/kg Heifer 206p/kg and Steers 211p/kg. Overall top price £1509.65

Cows  
Limousin to 154p average 138.76p/kg

Hereford to 157p average 147.15p/kg

Other to 154p average 142.41p/kg

Heifers  
Limousin to 189p average 171.48p/kg

Other to 206p average 174.16p/kg

Steers  
Charolais to 184p average 176.85p/kg

British Blue to 211p average 199.63p/kg

Stock Bulls  
Limousin to 166p

Friesian to 133p

Hereford to 133p

43 Cattle average 136.14p/kg

If any vendor has changed their Farm Assured details please could you notify the market office 01691 653547 so our data base can be updated many thanks.

**Classes to help with making clothes**

A DRESSMAKING course is being launched in Llanyrnach to give tips and tricks to create clothes that fit well, are exactly what is wanted, and to complete unfinished projects.

The class meets at Llanyrnach Village Hall, near Oswestry, on Wednesday from 7.30pm-9pm and Thursday mornings 11am-12.30pm under the tutelage of experienced seamstress Sarah Thursfield.

Sarah said: "You can tackle your own project, at your own pace, with support when you need it."

"The class has been running for five years and we have made christening robes, animal costumes and Tudor dresses as well as lots of more conventional clothes."

"Some students keep coming back but there is always room for new faces."

The course costs £45 for eight classes. For more details or to book a place, contact Sarah on (01691) 839286 or visit www.sarahthursfield.com

**Shoppers hailed**

THE RNLI has thanked shoppers in Oswestry for giving £849.81 to a street collection held in the town on August 31. The collection was organised by the Oswestry branch of the RNLI.

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## Drive time with Graham Breeze



FINDING the right words to describe four days behind the wheel of the Maserati GranTurismo Sport would be a problem for any motoring writer.

It's taken me over 30 years in the business to get my hands on the Italian beauty, best described as a motoring work of art, so explaining the experience with the accolades it deserves is not easy.

### Sensational

Sitting on 20in Neptune black alloys the GranTurismo simply looks sensational. There just aren't the right words to do the appearance justice.

Just like other motorists and pedestrians I found myself gazing longingly at this amazing looking car – love at first sight.

But it's not just looks that make this car stand out from any other performance car I have driven. Because lurking under the bonnet is a Ferrari built, naturally aspirated 4.7-litre V8 with 454bhp and 384lb/ft of torque.

In layman speak that means 0-60mph in 4.6 seconds and a top speed of 186mph along with



A true super-car – the Maserati GranTurismo

an exhaust roar equivalent to something more at home on a Formula One circuit.

The engine is fantastic and the gear-change sharp and I have to admit that the "sport" button, which heightens engine roar, stayed in the "On" position for nearly all the test drive – just for the hell of it.

You are at the controls of a super-car and to help you out Maserati has come up with a sensor system. The skyhook suspension system comes as standard using bumper-mounted sensors to analyse the road ahead in milliseconds and adjusting the set-up automatically.

In "sport" mode the car is razor-sharp while in normal mode it constantly adapts the damp-

ing to absorb rough surfaces which means superb handling, combining sports performance and comfort in all driving conditions.

### Outstanding

The interior more than matches the outstanding outside with the Italian designers opting for a real wood and leather finish – no plastic here. Though I'd have to say the white leather would not be my choice.

The automatic gearstick is designed to look like the manual version and is a really smart feature. Friends questioned my ravings about the steering wheel but after all it is the part of a car that's most important to the driver. It is



The stylish GranTurismo is powered by a 4.7-litre, V8 engine which delivers 454bhp

squared off top and bottom and is a sheer joy to hold.

Surprisingly the GranTurismo is a genuine four seater. Rear passengers sit well back in low-slung seats, needing very little leg room, and up front driver and passenger sit luxuriously.

The biggest problem, apart from fighting of admirers, is the sheer size of the car. The GranTurismo is extremely wide which makes parking anywhere a problem, particularly when you are concentrating on not scratching the amazing looking alloys.

Boot space is simply too small with not a chance for the golf clubs – but who cares when you look this good!

The good and surprising news is the price. I expected the GranTurismo Sport to be at least £120,000 but the model on test hits the road at £93,720. That's a great price for a car of this stature.

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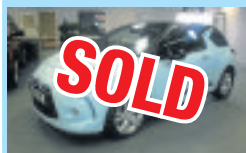


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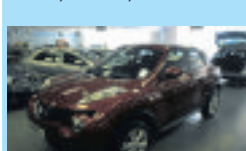
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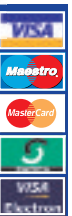


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## SPORT



Young footballers at Llansantffraid Village Academy during the summer camps that proved a super success

## Summer fun at Academy

FOUR days of football camps staged by the Llansantffraid Village Academy have proved a big success.

The day camps - for mixed and for girls only - were run in conjunction with Vauxhall and the Welsh Football Trust and were held to celebrate Wales holding the Women's European under-19 championships in West Wales.

"The weather was superb and attendance was excellent and a good time was had by everyone that attended during the school holidays," said academy director Mike Digwood.



Girlpower - young players take a break from training at Llansantffraid Village

## Oswestry pay the penalty for costly mistakes

MISTAKES cost Oswestry dear as they suffered a 32-27 loss to Moore - despite a late fightback in their opening action in rugby's South Lancs and Cheshire Two.

The Eagles trailed 12-10 at half time, with fly-half Andy Merrett crossing for a try converted by scrum-half Dan Williams, who also kicked an early penalty.

Oswestry began the second half poorly, lacking structure and discipline in both defence and attack as they fell further behind to a converted try.

The Eagles were then dealt a blow as second row Phil Drury received a harsh yellow card for not retreating 10 metres from a quick penalty tap from Moore, who took advantage for another unconverted try to lead 24-10.

The two sides then swapped penalties, Williams on target for the hosts, but a quick turnover by Moore after confusion at a ruck saw them score a breakaway try to extend their lead to 32-13.

The Eagles picked up their game once more and started to apply pressure with Jack Fox using his pace to score on his debut, converted by Williams.

## Forced

Trailing, 32-20, Oswestry continued to push and captain Andrew Smith forced his way over, with Williams completing a try with the boot but their efforts just fell short.

On Saturday, the Eagles welcome Marple to Granville Park.

**OSWESTRY II** opened with a 54-22 home win over depleted Moore II in the Raging Bull North West League division four (south).

Early tries from centre Nick Howland and Iwan Williams put the Eagles on course, with the young backs running amok.

Although the visitors did hit back to level, two more tries from the backs saw Oswestry 26-12 up at half-time.

After the break, Tyler Morris's support play earned him two tries before Willis broke the line for Howland to cross again.

With Moore tiring, the combination of Angus Bownes and Howland in the centres resulted in another try for Howland to make it seven tries in two games for the young back.

Fourteen points from fly half Richard Wilson rounded off an impressive display from a mainly inexperienced second XV.

Man of the match was awarded to Nigel Griffiths, for a commanding display in his first start at fly-half. The second team are at Macclesfield IV on Saturday.

## Carter injury adds to woes as Pool defeated in opener

RUGBY  
by Graham Breeze

**WELSHPOOL'S** opening Gogledd Cymru Division Three fixture was cut short by a serious injury to winger Tom Carter on Saturday.

Pool began the 2013-14 season with a home defeat to a strong Menai Bridge side, who look likely to be strong contenders for promotion.

But the referee called time five minutes early when Carter went down under a tackle and suffered a broken ankle.

Despite exerting some good early pressure, Welshpool found themselves being gradually forced back towards their own line by the strong Menai pack.

For some time, the Welshpool line held firm, but it was clear that this could not go on forever and the visitors crossed for their first score of the day, with a second following shortly after to give them a 0-10 lead.

With a further score following on the stroke of half-time, a 0-17 scoreline looked ominous for the home side, but they continued to battle well, and much of the play took place inside the Menai half.

## Pressure

While Menai defended stoutly, the pressure did eventually tell for Welshpool, with Andrew Thomas scoring his first try of the season, with Daley Jones slotting the conversion to make it 7-17 and put Pool very much back into the game.

Sadly, this was not the start of a dramatic comeback, and Menai were able to stretch their lead with a penalty, extending their lead to 7-20.

With Welshpool reduced to 14 men after scrum-half Dylan Walton was sin-binned for dissent, Menai quickly took advantage of the numerical advantage and crossed for their fourth and final try of the day and a well-deserved 7-25 victory.

**Welshpool:** Will Johns, Ben Aldiss, Jamie Evans, Tom Holloway, Toby Hodgson, Sean Jones, Joe Stranks (C), Ryan Goodwin, Dylan Walton, Rhys Jones, Andrew Thomas, Jonathan Rees-Jones, Tom Carter, Tom Williams

**Replacements:** Ben Astley, Andrew Frost, Gwyn Evans, Martin Gould



Daley Jones kicks for touch watched by his Welshpool colleagues in the match with Menai Bridge on Saturday

## Wales coach Edwards drops at in Maesydre

Welshpool were given a real boost on the eve of the new season when Wales coach Shaun Edwards dropped in at Maesydre to take charge of training.

The former Wigan rugby league star has been involved with the revival of the Welsh game alongside Warren Gatland since 2008 and his arrival in town saw a huge turnout at training.

"It was great for the players to be coached by a legend of the game," said club spokesman Gary Williams.

"The players really appreciated his input. It was a great confidence boost to have him in Welshpool as we prepared for the opening game."



Wales coach Shaun Edwards leads training at Maesydre and (right) with Welshpool chairman Steve Cross

## Ward blasts hat-trick in home win

ZAK WARD'S hat-trick put Llanfyllin on course for a 5-1 home win over Waterloo Colts in the first round of the Montgomeryshire Tanners Cup.

Llanfair reserve saw off Waterloo reserves 4-0 with Chris Davies, Ashley Davies, Gwyn Davies and Dave Thorpe on target.

Berriew reserves, meanwhile, overcame Llanfechain 4-2 in the first round of the Llansantffraid Village Cup.

Lowly Forden pushed leaders Churchstoke all the way in the Montgomeryshire League division two before being edged out 1-0 with Matt Hurst on target.

Two goals from Jamie Evans earned Four Crosses reserves a 4-0 win over Carno reserves, Neil Prescott and Adam Evans also on the mark.

## Gaddes hits double as Ellesmere snap back

AFTER losing their 100 per cent record, Ellesmere's young guns bounced back with an excellent 2-0 win at Telford United Youth in the Midland Floodlit Youth League Premier North.

Having disappointingly succumbed 4-2 to Rugby Town a few days before, Ellesmere were up for the task in their next action.

They dominated the majority of the first half against Telford, only to be frustrated by the home keeper who made some excellent saves to deny Will Twyford, Jack Gaddes and Chris Green.

However, they finally gained the lead in the 38th minute when Gaddes was on hand to head in a corner.

The margin was then doubled two minutes into the second-half when a flowing move saw the ball switched to Paddy Townsend, who pulled back for Gaddes to slot in his second.

AFC Telford failed to trouble Ellesmere's goal as they defended strongly to claim their second consecutive win on the road and their first clean sheet of the campaign.

"I was delighted with all the squad," said manager Dan Stevens. "I decided to leave four players out due to first-team commitments the next evening and the lads that came in acquitted themselves outstandingly."

## Professional

"It was a very professional performance and a great response after the setback in the last game."

It was a different story when Ellesmere's 100 per cent start to the season came crashing down after Rugby Town became the first visitors to leave with maximum points from Beech Grove when running out 4-2 winners.

The home team missed several great chance before Rugby scored two soft goals on the break through individual errors.

The visitors had the opportunity to extend their lead midway through the half after a controversial penalty was awarded. George Hughes saved the initial penalty before the assistant referee ordered a retake for him coming off the line, only for the subsequent strike to crash against the bar and over.

Ellesmere finally got the goal they deserved just before the break after Sean Jennings finished over the advancing keeper.

The home team continued to dominate in the second half but found the away keeper in inspired form and two more individual mistakes on the break saw Rugby extend their lead either side of Jay Stoker pulling one back from the penalty spot.



SPORT

Glas beaten but are still in mix for promotion

CAE GLAS are still in the promotion hunt in the Shropshire League division three despite suffering a losing draw at Church Aston.

Put in, Church Aston were restricted to 169-7, with Keith Yapp taking 3-40 off 15 overs and Tim Turner 2-17.

Glas made a solid start in reply through opener Andy Griffiths (28) and Ian Holgate (46) but fell off the pace to finish on 147-7 in their over, Yapp making 20 and Gareth Edgerton 21.

High flying CAE GLAS II made it three wins in a row in their penultimate game of the season to seal promotion from the reserve division three - their last at Gatacre in 2013.

Visitors Tibberton II were asked to bat first and, following the consistent quality of the home bowling, they toiled on 48-5.

Waqas Hussain, however, rallied the innings as he smashed his way to 62 before falling to an excellent catch by Simon Wood off the bowling of Gavin Porritt.

After his departure, the innings fell away with Tibberton dismissed for 131, chief destroyer being Porritt (4-38), while there were also the now customary tight opening spells from John Clarke (3-20) and Shaun Southern (2-31).

In reply, Nick Chesters took the game to the opposition as he raced to his fifth half-century of the season before falling for 52.

George Candler (36 not out) and man-of-the-match Porritt (37 not out) then sealed the win and 20 points, with Porritt hitting the winning runs in clearing the rope by some distance.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County Cricket League				
PREMIER DIVISION				
P	W	D	LC/Apen	Pts
Newport	21	15	2	0 403
Ludlow & SS	21	11	2	0 322
St Georges	21	10	5	2 0 316
Roman Services	21	8	6	1 0 308
Wem	21	7	8	2 15 282
Worfield	21	6	7	1 5 282
Alington	21	8	0	10 1 4 251
Frankton	21	7	3	11 2 237
Bomere Heath	21	6	2	10 2 231
Caughley	21	5	12	0 7 182
Alcock	21	5	3	11 2 2 191
Wroxeter & Upp	21	5	7	2 4 176

DIVISION 3				
P	W	D	LC/Apen	Pts
Wheaton Aston	21	12	5	1 1-16 372
Chester	21	12	3	2 5 353
Shrewsbury III	21	8	7	4 1 4 312
Caer Glas	21	10	5	2 1 0 306
Shifnal III	21	6	7	2 2 280
Church Aston	21	7	4	2 2 232
St Georges III	21	5	7	7 2 231
Oswestry III	21	4	7	2 3 219
Church Shetton	21	4	8	7 1 17 206
Calverhall	21	3	13	1 15 182
Acton Reynald	21	3	9	8 0 7 172
Harcourt	21	2	2	11 2 5 106

RESERVE DIVISION 3				
P	W	D	LC/Apen	Pts
Core Glas II	21	13	4	0 0 358
Market Drayton II	21	13	4	1 2 357
Bomere Heath II	21	11	5	3 1 2 332
Forton II	21	8	6	1 2 254
Iscoyd & FB II	21	8	2	1 0 239
Oswestry IV	21	7	2	10 2 0 239
Shifnal IV	21	6	9	2 2 233
Ludlow & SS IV	21	7	4	8 1 0 223
Bishop's Castle II	21	7	3	10 1 2 219
Tibberton II	21	6	5	9 0 0 214
Much Wenlock II	21	6	2	9 4 0 210
Acton Reynald II	21	2	2	15 2 10 62

Coaching chance for young players

Oswestry Tennis Club is launching a coaching programme for junior players for the first time in many years.

It is offering the opportunity of a short series of junior coaching sessions for the first time since the club moved back to its refurbished site three years ago, located behind Bellan House in the centre of town.

The club offers two superb, polymeric courts and is inviting budding junior tennis players of all standards to come along to its coaching sessions to be held on Friday evenings - September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 to learn some tennis techniques and have some fun.

The club coach, Harrison Gwilt, will be holding one hour sessions for youngsters aged 11-14 years from 5.30-6.30 at a cost of £4 per session with payment to be made at the first session. Players need to bring their own racquets and to wear suitable footwear.

More details and information can be found on the club website (www.oswestrytennisclub.btkc.co.uk) or by contacting Harrison directly at harrison.gwilt@hotmail.com or 07415-507425. Bookings may also be made by emailing Gary Edwards on gary.jill7@gmail.com.

Ellesmere confirm promotion as champions

ELLESMERE A signed off their triumphant campaign in rousing style with a 10-0 (168-105) romp at WESTON RHYN C in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division four.

Needing eight points to ensure they were promoted to division three as champions, the Meresiders made no mistake with their second successive whitewash, with Ian Metcalfe and Dennis Jones both winning to eight.

Barry Kimble was the best for Rhyn, just being edged out to 10.

Joining them in division three next season are ELLESMERE B who made sure of promotion along with their club mates after sweeping aside LLANRHAEDR C 9-1 (82-93), Alf Johnson leading the charge 21-1 and Ted Formstone to six, while Phil Roberts (21-16) was the lone reply

There was another whitewash as LLANYMYNECH B cemented fifth place with a 10-0 (168-75) home hammering of WHITTINGTON C, Tony Jones (21-3) taking the coppers.

Third placed FOX LANE ended with a 6-4 (148-124) loss at LLANYFYLLIN A whose Gwyn Gwalchmai (21-6) led the way, while Davie Jones (21-12) was the best of the replies.

Division three champions CRIFTINS C ended their season with a 7-3 (139-132) win at WHITTINGTON E, Robbie Hughes (21-7) taking the coppers while Peter Williams (21-8) was the best of the responses.

Making it a promotion double for the club were second placed CRIFTINS C who brought the curtain down on their excellent third division campaign with a comfortable 8-2 (162-112) home win against Overton B,

Carl Dulton winning 21-4 and Steve Kynaston to six.

CHURCH C finished fourth despite crashing 9-1 (161-89) at Chirk B, Phil James (21-14) getting the consolation for the visitors.

Already safe from relegation, the pressure was off as WESTON RHYN C succumbed 7-3 (148-131) at Ceiriog Valley B, Tom Owen the best winner for the visitors to 10.

YE OLDE CROFTE B were relegated from division five despite a rousing 5-5 drew at Royston B in their final outing.

Ted Lewis's fine 21-3 win helped the visitors win the aggregate by seven shots (146-139), but they were unable to claw their way out of the basement places.

WESTON RHYN B also went down after their 8-2 (158-111) loss at Cynwyd B, Bill Evans replying 21-15, but WHITTINGTON

D survived despite their 10-0 (168-84) drubbing at promoted runners-up Ruabon B.

In division six, with champions LLANRHAEDR D already assured of promotion, CRIFTINS D ensured they went up as runners-up despite their 7-3 (152-136) reverse at Llanyfnog B, Pete Broadbent (21-11) the best for the visitors.

CHURCH E ended on a high with a 7-3 (118-112) win at LLANYMYNECH C, Pam Williams winning 21-3 for the visitors and Kevin Jones (21-1) responding.

Ian Beckett's 21-4 hand helped WESTON RHYN E finish with an 8-2 (156-97) success at home to LLANYFYLLIN B, whose Tony Birch won 21-10.

LLANRHAEDR E lost 7-3 at Johnstown E, with Harri Matthews and John Tindall both winning by 21-15 scores for the beaten visitors.

Celebration time as Morda Road men clinch the title



CELEBRATIONS went on long into the night as Oswestry's cricketers clinched the Birmingham League Division Two title.

Although they lost by three wickets to Halesowen at Morda Road - their first defeat since June - they earned the three points needed to land their second successive championship.

And the fact that their closest rivals Harborne lost to Attock, means Oswestry go into the final game of the season with a massive 39-point lead.

Ryan Fynn (49) and Warwick Fynn (42) were the chief contributors as Oswestry were bowled out for 176 - a disappointing total in view of the good batting conditions.

Nevertheless, two batting points were gained - and when Paul Robinson dismissed Halesowen's overseas ace Rameez Aziz, the third bonus point was enough to secure the title.

Robinson finished with 3-27 and Halesowen looked in trouble at 75-5.

But a stand of 94 between Hassan Quaim (57) and Dan Jeavons (44) turned the game on its head, and the visitors reached their target at 177-7.

Oswestry II lost by six wickets at Quatt in the 2nd XI League division two (north), despite posting a useful 193. Henry Rose (42), Callum Morris (39) and Kevin Evans (24) were top scorers.

But Quatt replied with 194-4, with Rose taking 2-12.

Oswestry III were too strong for a below-strength

COBRA up and running with opening day win



The COBRA scrum-half prepares to feed the ball in at a scrum while (below) action from the Caernarfon win

Late tries mask an emphatic start for new-boys

NEWLY-promoted COBRA started life in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) in strong fashion as they notched a 27-24 opening-day home win over Caernarfon.

Two tries from scrum-half Alwyn Williams, who also kicked two penalties and three conversions, helped set up a victory that would have been more emphatic had the visitors not crossed for a couple of late touchdowns, the second a contentious penalty try.

"Up until then they had hardly threatened us, and the match was not as close as the score suggests," said spokesman James Watkin. "The score flattered them."

COBRA started brightly with three tries in the first 20 minutes, and were ahead from their first attack when Williams crossed following a forward drive, which he also converted.

That advantage was doubled as number eight Aled Davies latched onto a turnover ball and broke from

halfway, eventually being tackled just short of the line. But he offloaded to flanker Toby Twigg to cross the line, with Williams converting.

Caernarfon pulled back an unconverted try but the hosts responded with Williams breaking through a gap 20 yards out to score. He again converted his try, before adding a penalty from just inside his own half to make the score 24-3 at the interval.

Scrappy

A scrappy second half descended into a stalemate, but Caernarfon managed to squeeze over for a converted try before a Williams penalty gave the hosts more breathing space at 27-12.

That looked to be that, but two scrappy tries in the closing moments reduced the margin - the second score a penalty try after the hosts were harshly adjudged to have tackled the winger without the ball, although he did not appear to be in a try-scoring position.

Buoyed by the win, COBRA now head to Bethesda on Saturday, where their hosts having also started their season win a good win at Bro Ffestiniog.

WELSHPOOL made a losing start to the season in division three (north) as they came up against a strong Menai Bridge side who look early contenders for a title challenge.

The Anglesey visitors capitalised on some handling errors from the Maesdyre hosts, finishing up comfortable 25-7 winners courtesy of four tries, a conversion and penalty.

They led 10-0 at half time, added a converted try in the second period, before Welshpool got on the scoresheet with a breakthrough try from centre Andrew Thomas, converted by fly half Daley Jones.

Menai Bridge has the last word with the final scores of the game, but there were positives for Pool who look for their first points when they journey to Porthmadog on Saturday.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowls				
DIVISION 1				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Ceiriog Valley A	22	15	7	0 3461 37
Criffins A	22	14	8	0 305 32
Ruabon A	22	11	11	0 281 31
Johnstown A	22	13	7	2 330 30
Chirk AAA A	22	15	7	0 281 30
Whittington A	22	11	11	0 280 27
Corwen A	22	11	11	1 431 10
Flekeys A	22	11	11	0 443 109
Church A	22	7	14	1 88 97
Llanymynech A	22	7	15	0 469 77
Weston Rhyll A	22	7	14	1 604 77
Overton A	22	5	16	1 450 76

DIVISION 2				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Johnstown B	22	15	7	0 395 135
Cynwyd A	22	14	7	1 268 130
Llanrhaeadr A	22	12	10	0 208 120
Llangollen A	22	11	10	1 176 116
George A	22	13	9	0 172 114
Ye Old Crofte A	22	11	10	1 39 113
Black Lion	22	9	12	1 52 109
Church B	22	10	12	0 130 109
Llanyfnog A	22	11	11	1 51 108
Johnstown C	22	10	12	0 160 102
Johnstown D	22	11	10	1 207 100
Whittington B	22	6	15	1 385 81

DIVISION 3				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Criffins B	22	15	7	0 551 143
Criffins C	22	14	6	2 493 135
Pias Kynaston A	22	12	9	1 494 118
Royston A	22	12	10	0 88 112
Church C	22	13	9	0 72 113
Whittington B	22	11	10	1 12 110
Flekeys B	22	9	12	1 180 106
Chirk AAA B	22	11	10	1 31 104
Ceiriog Valley B	22	8	14	0 113 101
Weston Rhyll C	22	10	11	1 207 100
Overton B	22	6	15	1 259 89
Llangollen B	22	14	1	1 320 88

DIVISION 4				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Ellesmere A	22	17	5	0 480 159
Ellesmere B	22	15	7	0 946 151
Fox Lane	22	15	7	0 363 139
Corwen B	22	12	9	1 199 121
Llanymynech B	22	12	10	0 113 118
Ceiriog Valley C	22	11	10	1 78 107
Llanrhaeadr C	22	10	12	0 103 103
Llanfyllin A	22	10	12	0 187 100
Llanyfnog C	22	11	10	1 343 96
Weston Rhyll D	22	8	14	0 333 87
Church D	22	5	16	1 327 84
Whittington C	22	3	18	1 928 60

DIVISION 5				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Bersham	22	22	0	0 057 178
Ruabon B	22	18	3	0 097 178
Chirk AAA C	22	11	11	0 131 118
Llanrhaeadr B	22	11	9	2 88 112
Cynwyd B	22	10	10	0 83 110
Overton C	22	11	11	0 177 106
Pias Kynaston B	22	9	12	1 308 100
Royston B	22	9	12	1 124 93
Johnstown F	22	9	13	0 298 92
Whittington D	22	5	16	1 327 84
Weston Rhyll E	22	7	15	0 475 82
Ye Old Crofte B	22	4	16	2 424 80

DIVISION 6				
P	W	L	D	Agg Pts
Llanrhaeadr D	16	12	4	0 480 159
Criffins D	16	11	5	1 894 165
Llanrhaeadr E	16	8	8	0 15 85
Weston Rhyll E	16	8	8	0 35 80
Llanymynech C	16	7	9	0 22 75
Church E	16	6	9	1 10 74
Llanfyllin B	16	8	7	1 128 73
Johnstown E	16	7	9	1 196 69
Llanyfnog B	16	4	12	0 199 65

Ifton still in danger after defeat

IFTON continue to flirt with relegation danger in the Flowit Shropshire Premier Bowls League after suffering a 10-4 (213-180) home loss to title-chasing Newport.

Lying second from bottom, the St Martins side found themselves well beaten by the defending champions - but remain 11 points ahead of basement side Archibald Worthington, who have a game in hand.

With two matches remaining, they host lowly Wem USC on Friday, chasing a good haul of points as they bid to put paid to any fears of being dragged into the relegation play-offs.

Ifton started well last week, and were 3-1 up after the front four before fading in the latter stages.

Rocky Jones took their most valuable player honour with a 21-10 victory, Keiron Roberts also winning to 10, while skipper Dicky Jones won 21-11 and Darren Lacey 21-14.

Robin Bennett was edged out 21-20 but there was little resistance elsewhere.

GOLF RETURNS

LLANYMYNECH Ladies' Club Cup: 1. Jean Ferries 91-24-67, 3. Sheila Mackenzie 94-23-71, 4. Kath Jones 90-19-71.

Mixed Foursomes: 1. Simon Round & Vicki Pould 64-14 2/3-49 1/3, 2. Ron Bevan & Dot Mottram 65-14 2/3-50 1/3, 3. John McLean & Gareth Achey 66-4 1/3-50 2/3, 4. Vic Hyde & Tess Hyde 71-20-51.

WELSHPOOL British Legion Cup: 1. N S Wells 41pts, 2. Jonathan Pierce 39 (RBL winner), 3. Adrian Ballard 39 pts, 4. Frankie Jones 38.

Two Ball Texas Scramble: 1. Paul Butterworth / Mike Williams 63.6 2nd Richard Templeton / Alun Evans 64.4, 3. Simon Roberts / Gareth Achey 66.4.

President's Cup: 1. Colin Mumford 86 pts, 2. Richard Templeton 79, = 3. Gareth Williams 76, 4. Roger Davies 76, = 5. Alun Evans 75 and Will Wheatley 75.

President's Cup round 3 of 3: 1. Richard Templeton 42 pts, 2. Gareth Ashley 41, 3. Roger Davies 37 3/4 Will Wheatley 37.



SPORT



New kit and fine start to the season for Llani

LLANYMYNECH have made a solid start to the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division two season by winning four out of the first six fixtures.

Despite losing to Berriew reserves and Churchstoke, the team have picked up emphatic wins over Forden United, Newtown Wanderers and Waterloo Colts.

And last week they swept aside Llansantffraid Villa reserves 4-0. Grant Jones scoring twice, along with Mike Evans and Jack Roberts.

The kit has been funded by Ed Roberts, whose company E K A Roberts & Sons, are the team's new shirt sponsors, while tracksuits have been funded through signing on fees.

They line up (back from left: Sam Roberts, Luke Andrew, Pat Jervis, Callum Whyte, Matt Prince, Rob Jones, George Jones, Grant Jones, Josh Hayward. Front: Chris Grommell, Jamie Rowlands, Jamie Phillips (captain), Simon Botley (assistant manager/vice-captain), Luke Ogilvie (co-chairman/manager), Scott Hamilton (co-chairman/treasurer/secretary), Josh Hudson, Harry Kerr, Carl Rogers. Not in picture include: Adam Jones (physio), Jack Roberts, Joe Evans, Dan Astley, Mike Evans, Connor Brown and Matt Kirk.

Morris is the main man for Berriew

RHYDIAN MORRIS scored a hat-trick against his old club as high flying Berriew underlined their title credentials in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a 7-0 romp at struggling Montgomery.

Elliot Jones also found the net against his former team, with Mark Jones, Karl Selhearts and Rob Pritchard the other contributors as Berriew stayed two points clear at the top of the table with their fifth straight win.

By contrast, last season's runners-up Monty are facing a tough campaign ahead after losing players and their manager during the summer.

Barton on target – but Guilsfield slip again

GUILDSFIELD striker Danny Barton cemented his place at the top of the Cymru Alliance scoring charts – but his seventh goal of the season could not prevent the villagers from a third straight defeat when downed 4-2 at unbeaten new-boys Caernarfon Town.

Looking to get back on track after a promising start to the campaign, the Guils went behind on 27 minutes when Luke Powell-Thomas forced a corner when his shot was kept out by keeper Dave Littleford. From the resulting set-piece, Graeme Austin found himself unmarked at the far post and volleyed in from close range.

With the home supporters still celebrating, Guilsfield pushed forward and were awarded a penalty when Clive Williams brought Barton down in the box and the striker himself stepped up to confidently strike home from the spot.

The Canaries got their noses back in front eight minutes into the second period when Ywain Gwynedd lobbed the ball over the onrushing Littleford, after Darren Thomas had set him up with a deft header.

Guilsfield were deservedly back on terms a second time on 66 minutes when Chris Cathrall took his opportunity to level, and leave the outcome in the balance.

However, hopes of returning with some reward for Matt Burton's side faded when Cai Jones was brought down in the box on 75 minutes and Dion Donohue struck away the penalty to put the home side in front for a third time.

And there was no way back once Thomas struck a fierce shot from the edge of the box and into the top of the net five minutes from time, taking Caernarfon up to second with four wins and a draw from their five outings.

Buoyed by their first win the previous week, LLAN-RHAEAD remain in the lower reaches of the table after suffering a 2-1 loss at home by Penrhynoch.

Josh Hartnick (20) and Dan James (61) put the Roosters on course, before Sam Sefton gave the hosts some hope with a reply five minutes from time.

PLACINGS

Huws Gray Alliance									
Clubs	P	W	L	F	A	G	Pts	Goals	Points
Caernarfon Town	5	5	0	17	2	15	15	43	15
Caernarfon Town	5	5	0	16	5	13	15	43	15
Conwy Borough	5	3	1	12	4	10	13	32	13
Flint Town Utd	5	3	2	8	9	9	9	29	9
Portmadog	5	3	2	8	7	9	9	29	9
Caernarfon	5	2	2	9	10	7	7	27	7
Holyhead Hospit	5	2	2	7	10	7	7	27	7
Penrhynoch	5	1	1	5	5	6	6	14	6
Guilsfield	5	0	1	7	11	4	4	11	4
Rhydyfrynog	5	2	3	6	14	6	6	14	6
Llanidloes	5	1	2	8	10	5	5	11	5
Llanidloes YM	5	1	2	8	10	5	5	11	5
Penycae	5	1	3	11	15	4	4	11	4
Buckley Town	5	0	1	7	11	4	4	11	4
Llanidloes Town	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Rhydyfrynog	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Saturday's games (2-20)									
Caernarfon	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Portmadog	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Buckley Town	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Penycae	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4
Caernarfon	5	1	3	6	11	4	4	11	4

Two-goal Hughes provides spark for Morda fightback



MORDA UNITED staged a rousing fightback to earn a 3-3 draw with Church Stretton at Weston Road – and almost grabbed a winner following their late flurry.

Two-nil down at half-time, Craig Rogers' side looked to be heading for defeat in their Mercian Regional League premier division clash after conceding a third straight from the restart.

However, a fightback was inspired by two goals from Paul Hughes before substitute Shawn Melussi hit an equaliser to salvage a point.

Morda had started brightly with Mike Lloyd going close from an early corner but their confidence was rocked on nine minutes when keeper Kieran Hunt conceded a penalty for a trip on Ross Ramute and Thomas Southern made no mistake from the spot.

Ian Heathcock had chances to equalise but hit the bar from close range, and then saw the ball run through a forest of players and through his legs from a Shaheen Miah cross.

However, the hosts fell further behind when a loss of possession in midfield led to the visitors' second which Southern duly despatched.

Accurate Prospects looked bleak for Morda when Ramute slipped his marker and fired home a third goal for Stretton just two minutes after the break.

Out of the blue, Morda's hopes were raised when Scott Graham pick up a long clearance from keeper Hunt and fed Hughes who found the bottom corner of the net with an accurate shot.

Hughes then hit a second midway through the half to spark a further period of pressure that saw the hosts level the scores when Melussi picked up a through ball and finished neatly.

Both sides then committed men forward in search of a winner, with home defender Mike Lloyd heading wide while at the other end Kieran Hunt pulled off a couple of good saves, with

Saints snatch a point

ST MARTINS picked up their second point of the season when drawing 1-1 at home to Trysull – but remain second from bottom in the West Midlands League division one.

They had trailed on the stroke of half-time when Ryan Edmunds scored for the visitors following some defensive hesitation, but got on terms 10 minutes into the second period with a low free-kick from Karl Bailey.

Jed Morgan was then sent off for a professional foul, leaving the hosts to play out for a draw.

Goal rush for on-fire Villa at Hopesgate

OSWESTRY VILLA were on cloud nine as they consolidated their place among the Mercian Regional League division one leaders with a 9-2 romp at Hopesgate.

Dave Hartshorn and Steve Tomkins both scored four times, with Harry Davies getting the other as boss Graeme Sutton notched his third straight win since taking over from Mike Barton.

"It could and should have been a lot more, but at least we are being more decisive and scoring goals now," said Sutton whose fifth-placed side are certain to face a sterner test at Clew Hill on Saturday.

FC OSWESTRY TOWN made it six wins out of six in division one with a hard-fought 2-1 verdict at Bishop's Castle.

Town started brightly and were soon ahead when left back Joe Evans beat three players in the box and crossed to Ben Williams, who smashed home from close range.

Despite struggling to break down the home defence, the visitors doubled the lead one minute before half-time when Evans scored directly with a well taken corner.

Chances

Town started the second half on the front foot and had good chances to increase their lead through Ben Williams, Stu Johnson and Graham Dyke.

However, with 20 minutes to play, a physical Castle were awarded a penalty which was well despatched to give them hope on snatching a point.

Gaz Windsor thought he had restored the two-goal lead with a well-taken goal, only to be flagged offside.

Town continued to stand firm, with Matt Williams and Rob Shone proving unbeatable. They saw out the last 10 minutes out to take all three points and climb top of the league.

Nick Maguire's side bid to maintain their winning ways on Saturday when they entertain Dawley at Park Hall stadium (3pm).

OSWESTRY VILLA RES remain marooned at the foot of division two without a point after losing 4-1 at home to Claverley.



Joe Evans assisted Ben Williams' opening goal before scoring the winner from a corner as FC Oswestry Town claimed their sixth win from as many games

Three and easy as New Saints hit away victory

Bala T 1 The New Saints 3

AFTER a mixed start to the season, The New Saints got back on track to thrust themselves back into the Welsh Premier's leading pack with victory at Bala.

A close range strike from defender Phil Baker gave the defending champions an interval lead, before an own goal by the former TNS player Connall Murtagh from Chris Jones' cross doubled the lead.

The home side pulled a goal back through Mark Connolly but Mike Wilde headed in from close range late on to ensure the Saints got back to winning ways.

Coach Carl Darlington was delighted with the response after the defending champions had spurned two points in the previous week's 2-2 draw at Aberystwyth who clawed back an unlikely draw with two late strikes.

"We were all over the place in the last 20 minutes against Aber, so it was good to come to a difficult place like Bala and come away with three points," he said.

"We started off on the front foot, looked dangerous in wide areas, and had a lot of chances.

"But when Bala gave themselves a lifeline to trail 2-1 with 15 minutes remaining, it was a good tester what happened at Aber.

"Bala are a team who never give up, but we showed our character and were strong and resolute at the back, and once Mike Wilde got the third it was game over."

The Saints made a bright start and, after Chris Jones forced a fine save from keeper Ashley Morris, went ahead on 18 minutes when Baker volleyed in at the back post from Chris Seargeant's free-kick.

The visitors could have been further ahead when, on the stroke of half-time, they rattled bar twice in a matter of seconds through wingmen Jones and Ryan Fraughan.

TNS did extend their lead on the hour when Jones' excellent cross was deflected into his own net by Murtagh.

Bala pulled a goal back on 75 minutes left when Kieran Smith got behind the defence to deliver a dangerous cross which Connolly raced on to and slotted past Paul Harrison.

Buoyed by the goal, the Lakesiders pushed forward but the Saints held firm before Wilde settled the nerves when planting his header into the net from a Seargeant free kick seven minutes from time.

Kai Edwards almost got a fourth but was denied by a fantastic save from home keeper Morris.

Newly-promoted LLANFAIR UNITED kept up the pressure in second place after seeing off visiting Bow Street 4-0, substitute Chris Gethin bagging a brace while Ben Jones and Rob Bennett also found the net.

Jones broke the deadlock five minutes before the break, before Gethin doubled the advantage on 71. Bennett then made it three with an excellent finish from a corner by man of the match Andrew Hughes on 82 before Gethin completed a fine win with his second late on.

Struggles

WATERLOO ROVERS suffered their first defeat of the season when downed 3-1 at Carno who took the spoils through Jordan Jones, Toby Evans and Dan Kenyon, with Steve Hole responding.

DYFFRYN BANW, with just one point so far, saw their early struggles continue as they crashed 7-1 at home to third-placed Aberaeron.

It was also a bleak day for LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGES who were well beaten 6-1 at Treflan by in-form new-boys Llansantffraid, who have won all four matches so far.

Rock bottom Dolegallau are also finding the going tough as they still chase their first points following a 3-0 home reverse to Builth Wells.

Defensive frailties were exposed as WELSHPOOL's worrying start to the season continued as they crashed 7-3 at home to Tywyn Bryn-crug.

In division two, Kerry notched their third draw as they finished 4-4 at early leaders Presteigne.

Abermule went down 2-0 at Machynlleth, Bont and Knighton Town finished 1-1, while it was the same score at Newbridge who finished all square with Talgarth to gain their first point of the season.

PLACINGS

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Division one: Carno 3, Waterloo 1, Dolgellau 1, Builth Wells 3; Dyffryn Banw 1, Aberaeron 7; Llansantffraid 4, Bow Street 0; Montgomery 0, Berriew 7; Welshpool 3, Tywyn Bryn-crug 7.

Division two: Bont 1, Knighton 1; Hay St Mary's 2, Rhosogoch 4; Machynlleth 2, Abermule 0; Newbridge-on-Wye 1, Talgarth 1; Presteigne 4, Kerry 4.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	G	Pts	Goals	Points
Berriew	5	5	0	25	3	22	15	43	15
Aberaeron	5	4	1	7	5	12	13	32	13
Llansantffraid Wells	4	4	0	31	2	11	12	32	12
Carno	4	4	0	12	1	22	12	32	12
Llansantffraid	4	3	1	5	2	13	10	23	10
Bow Street	5	3	2	7	7	0	9	23	9
Four Crosses	4	2	0	10	7	3	8	23	8
Tywyn/Bryn-crug	4	2	2	10	10	0	6	23	6
Welshpool	5	1	1	7	8	1	6	23	6
Builth Wells	6	2	4	18	10	6	6	23	6
Welshpool	6	1	4	10	21	11	4	23	4
Montgomery	5	1	4	13	26	23	4	23	4
Llansantffraid	6	1	5	19	13	4	4	23	4
Dyffryn Banw	5	0	4	6	19	13	1	23	1
Aber Utd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
Talgarth	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	23	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	G	Pts	Goals	Points
Presteigne	3	3	0	6	4	2	5	15	5
Kerry	3	1	0	6	4	2	5	15	5
Rhosogoch	3	0	0	9	0	3	3	15	3
Machynlleth	2	1	1	3	4	1	3	15	3
Abermule	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	15	3
Bont	2	0	0	4	0	2	2	15	2
Talgarth	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	15	1
Nbridge-on-Wye	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	15	1
Hay St Marys	2	0	1	4	6	2	1	15	1



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## Guils boss tells side to tighten things up

GUILSFIELD boss Matt Burton knows his side need to quickly halt a three match losing streak in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance when they host Buckley Town on Saturday.

"After a promising start, the Guils have faltered of late with last week's 4-2 loss at unbeaten newcomers Caernarfon seeing them slip down to ninth in the table.

"We had a good start, but if we're not careful that good start will turn into a bad start," he said.

"Performance wise we're doing okay, but there's one of two things we need to eradicate unless it is going to be a long season.

"Caernarfon are a good side, but we made two basic mistakes for their first two goals. We got ourselves back into the game, but their penalty for the third was an horrendous decision."

On the plus side, striker Danny Barton is topping the league's goalscoring charts with seven goals, but the Guils now need a few more players chipping in.

LLANRRHAEDR also look to bounce back following their 2-1 home loss to Penrhynoch when they entertain big spending Conwy Borough, managed by former Welshpool boss Chris Herbert.

Despite lying 12th, the basement is tightly contested with just one point separating five teams.

LLANFAIR UNITED face a tricky trip to Spar Mid Wales League rivals Builth Wells in the second qualifying round of the Welsh Cup on Saturday.

Four Crosses and Waterloo Rovers are also on the road to Presteigne and Llandrindod Wells respectively, while Berriew are away to Llansantffraid Village.

Montgomery Town head to Machynlleth, while Welshpool Town are at home to Tywyn Brynrcrug as they seek revenge for a 7-3 league defeat just last week.

## Rangers hit by late blow

ELLESMERE Rangers continue to toil in the West Midlands League premier division after slipping to a 2-1 loss at Lye Town that keeps them in the lower regions of the table.

A few days before, they progressed in the FA Vase after a strike from Marco Addaggio gave them a 2-1 extra time win over Wolverhampton Sports.



**Hands up – Charlie Fryer-Stevens (in grey vest No 15)**

## Young ace Charlie is cock-a-hoop

OSWESTRY teenager Charlie Fryer-Stevens was this week making his international debut for Great Britain at the under-23 World Wheelchair Basketball Championships.

Held in Adana, Turkey, the Championship saw the 17-year-old battle it out against some of the nation's biggest rivals starting with the formidable forces of Canada, Germany, Iran, Mexico, and South Africa in Pool A.

In Pool B, the potential quarter final line-up for the GB Team will be decided by fiercely contested matches between Turkey, Australia, Italy, Japan, Sweden, and Venezuela.

Fryer-Stevens entered the champi-

onships on the back of stunning performances that recently saw him assist Scotland to gold in The Lord's Taverners Celtic Cup.

Now, with the incredible support that The Lord's Taverners has provided to junior wheelchair basketballers over the past five years really shining through, Fryer-Stevens was looking to help his teammates bring back GB's first under-23 World Championship medal.

"I'm absolutely amazed to be selected," he said. "There were so many players and such a high level of ability that nobody could be sure, it was very nerve-wracking. Even though

I've been selected there are still things I can improve on so I need to work on those before the World Championship.

"It's a great opportunity and I'm really looking forward to it, especially with the team – it's not just the event, it's the people who are going as well and because we are such a team it's going to be a great time!"

Great Britain under-23 head coach, Mat Foden, said: "To select the final 12 was a really difficult decision as there is such depth and talent in our junior programme at the moment. The pool of players we had to choose from has grown even from last year's European Championships."

# RESERVE KEEPER JOINS NEWTOWN

**THE New Saints second string goalkeeper Chris Mullock has been handed a first team chance after joining injury-hit Welsh Premier rivals Newtown on a loan deal.**

A product of the Wrexham academy, 25-year-old Mullock joined TNS this summer from Cymru Alliance outfit Cefn Druids, principally as understudy to Saints captain Paul Harrison.

But he now gets a chance to impress in the Welsh Premier after this week switching to the Robins on a temporary basis where he replaces first choice Mike Platt who is sidelined for around two months with a broken thumb.

Mullock had spent several seasons with the Druids, first appearing in 2006, and has made 54 Welsh Premier appearances.

He will make his bow in Saturday's trip to Bala Town as Newtown bid to bounce back from last week's 6-1 battering at Airbus UK.

### Leaders

Meanwhile, the Saints will be looking to bridge the 'gap' on the early Welsh Premier leaders when they make Friday night's tricky trip to unbeaten GAP Connaught's Quay.

Having got back on track with last Saturday's 3-1 win at Bala Town, the defending champions have a chance to move up to second should they prevail in this week's excursion to Deeside.

But they will need to be at their best against a Connaught's Quay side who are unbeaten in four league outings while also progressing to the second round of the Word League Cup.

They have already twice defeated Prestatyn – early conquerors of TNS this season – and Saints head coach Carl Darlington anticipates a stern challenge.

"GAP play with a lot of

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spirit and will be a tough nut to crack," he said.

"We know it's going to be a tough game as they beat Prestatyn twice in a week, both times 2-1, once in the cup and also in the league.

"But we need to focus on our own performance and make sure we're right. If we play like we can and get on the ball, then there's no reason we can't come away with the points."

Darlington was happy with the 3-1 win at Bala,

particularly after dropping two points in the previous week's 2-2 draw at Aberystwyth Town who earned parity with two late strikes.

"We were all over the place in the last 20 minutes against Aber, so it was good to come to a difficult place like Bala and come away with three points," he said.

"Bala are a team who never give up, but we showed our character and were strong and resolute at the back."

## COBRA braced for a tough road trip

AFTER getting their campaign off to a winning start, COBRA's rugby players are bracing themselves for a stiffer test at Bethesda on Saturday.

The Meifod men have made the step up to the Swalec League division one (north) this term, and recorded a creditable 27-24 opening day win over Caernarfon, scrum-half Alwyn Williams scoring 22 of the points.

The win was more comfortable than the score suggests, with COBRA 24-5 up at half time, before the visitors hit back with a couple of late tries.

WELSHPOOL head to Porthmadog as they look for their first points in division three (north) after losing 25-7 to Menai Bridge in their opening action at Maesdyre.

The club's first day action was marred with winger Tom Carter breaking his ankle which forced an early conclusion.

OSWESTRY also look to shrug off an opening day 32-27 defeat against Moore when they welcome Marple to Granville Park in the South Lanes and Cheshire Two.



**Goal – Chris Jones wheels away in delight after his cross was turned into his own net by Bala defender Connall Murtagh to put TNS 2-0 up at Maes Tegid. Picture: Brian Jones.**

## Oswestry's cricketers bid to end on a high

NEWLY crowned champions Oswestry bid to top off their triumphant campaign in the Birmingham League division two with a winning finale at Old Elizabethans.

The league leaders make Saturday's trip to Worcester in fine fettle after sealing the title last weekend, despite suffering a three wicket loss to Halesowen at Morda Road.

Although little at stake for the visitors this weekend, skipper Mark Robinson now wants to finish a terrific season on a high.

The fact that Oswestry's closest rivals Harborne lost to Attock last week, means there is still plenty riding on the last game with third placed Old Elizabethans still in with a shout of landing promotion themselves.

"It doesn't matter to us who goes up, whether it's Harborne or Old Elizabethans, but we're a very competitive team and we want to end the season with a win," said Robinson.

"If we can win, it will mean we will finish the season around 40 points clear at the top."

Alex Huxley returns after missing last week. Joe Carrasco again misses out due to school commitments.

## Last day bid to beat drop

THE fight for survival in the Shropshire Cricket League division one will go down to the wire with Welshpool and Montgomery still in the mix going into Saturday's final games of the season.

Welshpool boosted their survival prospects with a crucial three wicket home win over Monty at Maesdyre last weekend, with the last over victory lifting them out of the relegation zone and now 14 points clear of their Powys rivals.

But there is still work to be done for the Maesdyre side who face a tricky clash at second placed Newtown, where a defeat or losing draw could see them plunge back into the drop.

GUILSFIELD consolidated mid-table in division four with a 77-run home win over Bomere Heath III.

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